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Mayor's Mid Term Address

Michael E. Capuano

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season.

One year ago, I stood before you to take the oath of office. On that occasion, I tried to lay out the path I would follow as your mayor. Tonight, I stand before you to provide an update on the journey - and to set forth my hopes and desires for the coming years.

However, before I do this, I would like to take a moment to thank the people of Somerville for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve as your mayor - especially during these challenging times.

Every single minute of this job has been personally and professionally gratifying to me. I will never forget to whom I owe my thanks for this pleasure: the people of my hometown — my friends and neighbors of Somerville.

In thinking about what I would say here tonight, one topic pervaded every aspect of my thoughts on the last year and on the upcoming year: Finances. No matter how I tried to avoid this dry and depressing subject, the current economic climate in Somerville, in Massachusetts and in the nation is having such a major impact on all aspects of our lives that I could not begin my comments on any other topic.

Let's face it, as we end 1990 the Massachusetts economy is in shambles. The prospects for a recovery in 1991 are dim. Everyone (and everything) in Massachusetts has suffered financially in recent months. No city or town has escaped the problem, including Somerville.

The good news is that Somerville is in better shape than most communities. Our bonds have sold at better rates than most other urban cities. Our annual independent audit-report shows us to be in healthy fiscal shape and financially well run.

The bad news is that all of this is relative. We may be better off than most of our neighbors but everyone is suffering. The level of unemployment in Massachusetts has climbed to the highest rate in 7 years. Somerville has been forced to lay off decent, hardworking city employees and teachers. As banks across New England go under, Somerville has been forced to use most of its cash reserve simply to keep up with inflation. As the state faces major revenue shortfalls, local aid to Somerville has been cut by 5 1/2 million dollars in just one year.

Even the President of the United States has recognized that the entire country is in the midst of a recession. Every knowledgeable observer seems to agree that it will get worse before it gets better. We have not and cannot simply wait for others to revive the regional economy. We must deal with the situation we face as best we can while preparing for the return of better times.

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Toward that end, this Administration has been both direct and innovative. We have set rational and reasonable spending priorities. Public safety and education have been at the top of every single proposal made by this Administration. At the same time, we have not forgotten the needs of our most vulnerable citizens, or of our veterans, or of our senior citizens.

In addition, this Administration has offered many new proposals to save money — everything from an innovative incentive for employees who help keep the cost of health insurance down (which as already saved the city hundreds of thousands of dollars), to a bold new method of offering early retirement incentives, without taking the money out of our normal operating budget.

We have submitted new laws that make certain anyone receiving city contracts has paid their taxes. This Administration also made Somerville the first — and thus far only city — to persuade the Commonwealth to reduce a state mandated payment by over \$900,000. This saved dozens of jobs and many city services without jeopardizing the city's financial well-being.

During all the debates surrounding these issues, this Administration has consistently provided more information to more interested persons than ever before. We have held true to our belief that an informed public is our friend, not an enemy to be avoided.

Amazingly enough, it is our critics who have complained most above this aspect of our Administration. They just can't decide if we provide too much information or too little.

This is one more way we have fulfilled our commitment to open government. It has worked well and we will stick by it, no matter what the political consequences.

That is how we have dealt with the city's financial matter: honestly, innovatively and effectively. No matter how overwhelming the city's fiscal problems have been, no matter how time consuming, this Administration has also moved forward on many other fronts.

Out of necessity, we have focused on endeavors which do not demand new expenditures of money but which will improve the quality of life for all of us here in Somerville.

Some of our better successes have been reform of our zoning law so that our residential neighborhoods are protected from overdevelopment and our businesses are allowed to grow as needed. After eleven months of experience with this new law, we can safely say that it is working well as promised.

This administration has also put a lot of effort into improving the city's environment: from recycling to stopping illegal dumping of trash onto our city's streets. Our efforts have paid off in many ways.

Thus far, the state's first and only locally based Environmental Strike Force has caught and prosecuted over 30 criminals for illegal dumping. It is interesting to note that only one of these people lived in Somerville, and not a single one of them worked here. Not only

have these people been forced to clean up their 50 tons of trash but they have also paid hundreds of dollars in fines and completed hundreds of hours of community service in repayment for their acts. Two of them even helped string Christmas lights on the concourse.

We have expanded voluntary recycling from one day per month to six days per week. We have initiated a recycling program in City Hall that has now expanded to other city buildings and even our elementary schools.

All this recycling is certainly good for the environment but more importantly, it is good for the economy. The city has saved the money we would otherwise have paid for trash disposal fees and we have earned money by the sale of valuable recycling material that otherwise would have been thrown away — literally thrown away. In 1991 the estimated financial benefit to the city from our recycling efforts is over \$25,000.

This Administration is also proud to have made some real progress in the quest for affordable housing. We helped finalize the tenant buyout of the Clarendon Towers, which saved 501 affordable units from conversion to luxury condominiums.

- We have begun the process to use monies in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

- We have been recognized and rewarded for our Home Improvement Loan Program. Even in these tough times, our state allocation has been increased 4 times this past year because we have put the money to such good and quick use with less bureaucratic overhead than anyone else in Massachusetts.

Of course, we have continued and even enhanced a few traditions:

- The Senior Picnic was bigger than ever. This year we even enjoyed a special serenade by an accomplished performer, engaged for that even only and never to be heard again ... just a word of warning to all the elected officials here tonight; this year, it's your turn.

- The Mayor's Softball Team continued raising money for charity ... by losing games.

In addition to the familiar roles that mayors play, I also utilized the position for two of my proudest accomplishments this past year.

First, we began the process of putting Somerville back on the political map by hosting the city's first ever Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates Forum. Every candidate came, spoke and pressed the flesh with several hundred Somerville voters.

Second, I helped found the Homefirst Charitable Corporation, which was formed solely to raise money for Somerville based charities. We held the largest carnival in Greater Boston, with over 35,000 people enjoying the event. Not one unpleasant incident related to the carnival was reported and over \$20,000 was generated for organizations like the Respond Shelter for Battered Women and the Project Soup Food Pantry.

We also held a raffle that raised over \$2,000 specifically for Fuel Assistance to Somerville residents. We are now planning a Somerville Pride night to raise money for other worthwhile Somerville charities.

But, the biggest and most important accomplishment of this Administration earned the least public recognition. In the face of impossible fiscal odds, we kept basic services operating:

- the trash has been collected on time
- the streets have been swept regularly
- human services have been delivered
- public safety functions have been maintained
- basic education has been continued.

In fact, we did so well in this area, my biggest fear was that the average citizen would not believe there was a fiscal crisis at all. But by voting down Question 3, the public proved once again that they know more, and understand more than some pollsters wish to believe.

As we enter 1991, there are still many unfinished matters we must address in addition to those I have already mentioned.

- We need to begin the revitalization of the Boynton Yards Area. We need the jobs and the expanded tax base this project will provide.
- We need to complete the project stated for the former Southern Junior High site. Although that project was just about dead when we took office, this Administration, the developer and the neighborhood have worked hard to revive it. It now appears that we have succeeded.
- We must continue to pray for no snow. The city simply cannot afford it.
- We must implement a new approach to school budgeting that educates the public and encourages the input of principals, teachers and parents.
- We must try to reach closure on the 10 year old billboard issue. Even though the legal battle was lost and we owe over \$100,000 to the billboard owners, I believe the city can still end up in a better position than anyone could now reasonably expect.
- We must continue to press forward with our efforts to build new, affordable housing. One such project we hope to begin is the rehabilitation of the Kemp Nuts Factory on Walnut Street.

We must work to refocus attention on the real issues of education. We must move beyond the budget imposed malaise relative to education reforms. We must institute the changes needed to make our schools as good as they can possibly be. That is why I have agreed to be the first mayor to ever co-chair a subcommittee of the School Board. That is why I intend

to personally teach at least one class at Somerville High School this year.

In addition to all this, there are several new projects I hope to begin and maybe even complete in 1991:

- We hope to at least begin the long delayed re-construction of Highland Avenue, the city's most prominent thoroughfare.
- We will build a new, first class playground which will be centrally located for all of our children to enjoy.
- We will continue negotiations for renewal of the Cable Television Contract. We hope to be the first east coast city to provide its citizens with a real choice in home entertainment.
- We must continue our leadership role in implementing the new Enhanced 911 Emergency Response telephone System.
- We must continue our efforts to ensure that the Somerville Hockey Rink remains open and affordable to our citizens. Although we were able to keep it open this year, we are still trying to free the city from reliance on the state's good intentions.
- We must continue our efforts to get a first class youth facility built in our city. Although times are indeed tough for everyone, this is clearly an area where we can prepare to take action as soon as times get better.
- With a new governor now in office, we will renew our efforts to secure land to build a regional materials recycling facility. Such a facility would ensure a fair amount of fiscal stability for Somerville right into the next century through an expanded tax base, new jobs, new revenue from tipping fees, and reduced costs for our own trash disposal.

Also in 1991, one of our most important hopes is that the state will pull out of its economic difficulties as soon as possible. Somerville relies so heavily on local aid that we cannot maintain our current level of services if the state cuts local aid again this year. We may not be able to do it even if they level fund our local aid amount.

Finally our prayers in 1991 as first for the quick and safe return of our military men and women serving in the Middle East.

When I sought the mayor's seat, I knew that many issues could not be finalized in one short year. I hoped only for some good beginnings. I believe we have accomplished that realistic goal. We have begun our term well, but, as expected, our work is not yet complete. That is why I fully intend to seek re-election in 1991.

I expect 1991 to be another year of difficulty for us all. There will probably be more service cuts and more layoffs, but we cannot despair. We must continue the struggle for the tough times will not last forever, they never do.

But while we work our way out of the current mess we must beware of easy solutions. For, as we should have learned by now, the easy paths are not necessarily the most prudent. The suggestion I most fear is the one that says we should weaken proposition 2 1/2 in order to fix the economy. In my opinion that suggestion is just plain wrong.

Not only will it not fix the economy, it will set Massachusetts back on the road to a tax system that punishes the working class. I believe that when taxes are needed they should come from those most able to afford them. Property taxes do not meet this standard of progressivity and therefore, should be avoided whenever there are other rational choices available.

As I have said many, many times: if we all work together, like the family we really are, Somerville can survive the current economic mess in a reasonable way. This does not mean that we must all meekly agree on every issue. It simply means that we must trust the good intentions of others and work to find the common ground between us.

If we allow our differences to get the better of us, we will fail in our most important job. We will fail to lead the city as we have been asked to do by our friends and neighbors.

Over the past year, the people of this city have given this new administration their unwavering support, their trust and their prayers.

As we enter 1991, I must ask for those good wishes once again. For I still believe that together we can improve the quality of life in our city, even during tough financial times.

I would also ask that those good wishes be extended to our state delegation, especially the new Senator and the new Representative. I am afraid that their job this year will be just as tough as mine.

Before I conclude my remarks, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank a few people for their special efforts on behalf of this Administration and myself.

First — I would like to thank all the municipal unions for their patience and understanding. I hope their members know how much the citizens and the government of Somerville appreciate their daily efforts.

Second — I would like to thank the School Committee for their passionate defense of education in Somerville. This year, they successfully balanced their role as advocates for education with their responsibility as representatives of all the people.

Third — I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the Board of Aldermen. These eleven men and women have worked tirelessly to help me get through this most difficult first year. They have never shirked their duty, no matter how unpleasant it might have been. Although I do miss serving on the Board, their friendship and support has made the transition to Chief Executive pleasant and productive.

Fourth — I would like to thank the many people I have asked to help me run the city.

Although, as mayor, I may get most of the public attention, I know that it is you who deserve most of the credit. You have each worked harder than I had a right to expect and you have each made me proud to be your friend.

Fifth — I would like to repeat my thanks to the voters of Somerville who gave me the opportunity of a lifetime, they gave me the chance to serve them as their mayor.

Finally — I wish to thank my family: Barbara, Michael and Joseph. They have put up with a lot over the last 18 months and they know there will be more asked of them this coming year. They have understood that I must leave when I am called to help a constituent in need, and they have stood by me through all the pressure that comes with this responsibility of being mayor. Simply put, I could not do this job without their love and support, and I thank them for that.

In conclusion, I am here tonight to report that the state of the City of Somerville, as we enter a new year, is relatively good. Although we have had our troubles, and we expect more problems in the year to come, there can be no doubt that together the people of Somerville will continue to address those issues and continue to move confidently into the future.

Thank you for your support and your attention.

Good night.

**REPORT OF THE
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
JUNE 30, 1990**

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
JUNE 30, 1990

Dept. Name		Total Appropriation	Total Expenditures	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
Board of Alderman	P.S.	\$165,698	\$159,095	\$0	\$6,603
	O.M.	\$34,249	\$31,096	\$51	\$3,102
Clerk of Committee	P.S.	\$43,074	\$42,849	\$0	\$225
	O.M.	\$1,350	\$925	\$0	\$425
Executive Administration	P.S.	\$193,644	\$193,545	\$0	\$99
	O.M.	\$88,042	\$88,277	\$428	\$337
	CAP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	S.I.	\$58,214	\$29,099	\$0	\$29,115
Celebrations/Conventions	O.M.	\$12,021	\$11,797	\$0	\$224
Conservation Commission	O.M.	\$2,358	\$2,330	\$0	\$28
Council on Aging	P.S.	\$116,072	\$111,861	\$0	\$4,211
	O.M.	\$91,650	\$80,891	\$4,728	\$6,031
	CAP.	\$1,500	\$960	\$0	\$540
	S.I.	\$12,000	\$7,000	\$0	\$5,000
Community Youth	P.S.	\$112,527	\$106,472	\$0	\$6,055
	O.M.	\$17,055	\$11,879	\$1,277	\$4,099
	CAP.	\$2,000	\$1,961	\$0	\$39
	S.I.	\$2,978	\$958	\$600	\$1,418
Animal Control	P.S.	\$36,361	\$36,337	\$0	\$44
	O.M.	\$27,281	\$26,001	\$131	\$1,149
Arts Council	O.M.	\$8,953	\$8,953	\$0	\$0
Human Services	P.S.	\$148,768	\$148,525	\$0	\$244
	O.M.	\$29,946	\$28,652	\$830	\$464
	CAP.	\$3,725	\$1,934	\$1,775	\$16
	S.I.	\$62,596	\$48,612	\$9,976	\$4,008
Memorial Day	O.M.	\$7,950	\$3,100	\$4,850	\$0
Quarters for Veterans	O.M.	\$3,550	\$3,000	\$200	\$350
Historic Preser. Comm.	O.M.	\$12,954	\$8,576	\$3,438	\$940
	S.I.	\$2,536	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,336
Women's Commission	P.S.	\$13,250	\$12,274	\$0	\$976
	O.M.	\$8,325	\$3,672	\$1,226	\$1,427
Employee Assistance Pgm.	P.S.	\$23,719	\$13,567	\$0	\$10,152
	O.M.	\$1,000	\$60	\$0	\$940
Telecommunications	P.S.	\$268,476	\$249,796	\$0	\$18,680
	O.M.	\$454,792	\$389,418	\$84,948	\$426
	CAP.	\$725	\$600	\$0	\$125
	S.I.	\$40,988	\$16,638	\$20,234	\$4,116
Personnel	P.S.	\$183,881	\$177,299	\$0	\$6,582
	O.M.	\$120,319	\$56,713	\$18,910	\$44,696
	CAP.	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Purchasing	P.S.	\$134,758	\$131,633	\$0	\$3,125
	O.M.	\$29,652	\$19,279	\$8,814	\$1,559
	CAP.	\$7,468	\$7,468	\$0	\$0
Auditing	P.S.	\$360,870	\$345,801	\$0	\$5,069
	O.M.	\$93,208	\$46,631	\$39,656	\$6,921
	CAP.	\$14,000	\$11,472	\$0	\$2,528
	S.I.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Data Processing	P.S.	\$144,204	\$139,612	\$0	\$4,592
	O.M.	\$171,593	\$149,248	\$12,455	\$9,890
	CAP.	\$84,781	\$81,347	\$2,624	\$810
Treasury	P.S.	\$392,295	\$392,808	\$0	(\$513)
	O.M.	\$593,449	\$413,174	\$38,010	\$142,265
	CAP.	\$17,246	\$3,843	\$5,921	\$7,482

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Dept. Name		Total Appropriation	Total Expenditures	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
Insurance - HealthLife	P.S.	\$8,433,022	\$8,406,616	\$0	\$26,406
	O.M.	\$44,978	\$44,978	\$0	\$0
Board of Assessors	P.S.	\$320,094	\$307,561	\$0	\$12,533
	O.M.	\$91,171	\$62,158	\$26,266	\$2,747
	CAP.	\$33,364	\$32,645	\$200	\$539
	S.I.	\$62,976	\$0	\$62,976	\$0
City Clerk	P.S.	\$202,816	\$182,337	\$0	\$20,479
	O.M.	\$19,410	\$13,279	\$5,287	\$844
	CAP.	\$9,196	\$8,258	\$0	\$937
	S.I.	\$8,419	\$2,201	\$0	\$6,218
Legal	P.S.	\$269,125	\$264,202	\$0	\$4,923
	O.M.	\$50,099	\$33,108	\$7,293	\$9,698
	CAP.	\$5,230	\$5,230	\$0	\$0
	S.I.	\$102,055	\$13,701	\$18,300	\$70,054
Licensing Commission	P.S.	\$34,302	\$34,246	\$0	\$56
	O.M.	\$2,110	\$2,062	\$0	\$28
City Messenger	P.S.	\$36,580	\$36,710	\$0	(\$130)
	O.M.	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100
Board of Appeals	P.S.	\$47,416	\$46,363	\$0	\$1,053
	O.M.	\$14,733	\$6,312	\$4,014	\$4,407
Planning Board	P.S.	\$114,292	\$114,292	\$0	\$0
	O.M.	\$130,046	\$129,957	\$0	\$89
	CAP.	(\$3,436)	(\$3,436)	\$0	\$0
	S.I.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Condominium Review Board	P.S.	\$14,720	\$13,424	\$0	\$1,296
	O.M.	\$1,650	\$1,636	\$0	\$14
Redevelopment Authority	P.S.	\$10,800	\$10,000	\$0	\$800
Elections	P.S.	\$196,096	\$172,569	\$0	\$23,526
	O.M.	\$75,483	\$51,023	\$376	\$24,064
	CAP.	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Emergency Management	P.S.	\$71,822	\$71,354	\$0	\$468
	O.M.	\$30,874	\$20,880	\$201	\$9,793
	CAP.	\$10,881	\$9,360	\$0	\$1,321
Fire	P.S.	\$6,846,832	\$6,725,481	\$0	\$121,351
	O.M.	\$246,789	\$223,071	\$3,334	\$20,384
	CAP.	\$162,240	\$129,759	\$0	\$62,481
Police	P.S.	\$6,481,086	\$6,496,813	\$0	(\$5,718)
	O.M.	\$399,202	\$318,906	\$31,671	\$48,625
	CAP.	\$132,970	\$120,240	\$8,403	\$4,327
Traffic & Parking	P.S.	\$767,988	\$699,089	\$0	\$98,899
	O.M.	\$857,423	\$716,339	\$101,192	\$39,892
	CAP.	\$188,340	\$162,453	\$2,796	\$23,091
Weights & Measures	S.I.	\$13,500	\$0	\$0	\$13,500
	P.S.	\$73,586	\$71,796	\$0	\$1,800
	O.M.	\$4,617	\$1,734	\$1,763	\$1,120
Board of Health	CAP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	P.S.	\$630,283	\$606,164	\$0	\$25,119
	O.M.	\$63,268	\$54,478	\$2,394	\$6,396
Veteran's Benefits	CAP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	P.S.	\$144,336	\$108,239	\$0	\$36,096
	O.M.	\$108,396	\$102,164	\$0	\$6,232

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Dept. Name		Total Appropriation	Total Expenditures	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
Graves Registration	P. S.	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
	O. M.	\$3,020	\$1,074	\$0	\$1,946
Libraries	P. S.	\$1,008,744	\$908,089	\$0	\$100,655
	O. M.	\$280,542	\$266,730	\$12,681	\$1,131
	CAP.	\$38,766	\$25,307	\$13,214	\$245
Recreation	P. S.	\$437,343	\$434,703	\$0	\$2,640
	O. M.	\$34,026	\$32,618	\$300	\$1,108
Debt Service Reduction	Prn.	\$3,220,000	\$3,220,000	\$0	\$0
	Int.	\$1,639,086	\$1,300,256	\$0	\$338,830
DPW - Administration	P. S.	\$530,393	\$530,393	\$0	\$0
	O. M.	\$258,161	\$191,796	\$22,204	\$44,161
	CAP.	\$1,358,620	\$790,053	\$86,156	\$482,411
DPW - Lights and Lines	S. I.	\$383,402	\$30,559	\$0	\$362,843
	P. S.	\$687,751	\$635,946	\$0	\$21,805
	O. M.	\$159,195	\$144,615	\$9,359	\$5,221
DPW - Engineering Admin.	CAP.	\$17,562	\$800	\$15,257	\$1,505
	P. S.	\$223,602	\$214,753	\$0	\$8,849
	O. M.	\$3,062	\$2,714	\$0	\$348
DPW - Parks/Playgrounds	P. S.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	O. M.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
DPW - Highway	P. S.	\$1,046,827	\$1,006,784	\$0	\$40,063
	O. M.	\$786,059	\$602,115	\$61,842	\$122,102
DPW - Sanitation	P. S.	\$1,380,632	\$1,351,463	\$0	\$29,169
	O. M.	\$1,778,212	\$1,260,308	\$336,210	\$181,694
DPW - Buildings	P. S.	\$968,390	\$937,819	\$0	\$50,571
	O. M.	\$1,796,724	\$1,427,957	\$99,608	\$269,159
	CAP.	\$63,133	\$62,868	\$265	\$0
DPW - Inspectional Srv.	P. S.	\$270,341	\$261,520	\$0	\$8,821
	O. M.	\$6,849	\$5,063	\$200	\$1,586
DPW - Water	P. S.	\$426,483	\$414,560	\$0	\$13,903
	O. M.	\$77,989	\$40,972	\$4,881	\$32,136
	CAP.	\$48,904	\$23,187	\$16,713	\$9,004
DPW - Sewers	S. I.	\$6,371,197	\$6,314,789	\$27,793	\$28,615
	P. S.	\$227,965	\$221,527	\$0	\$6,468
	O. M.	\$13,700	\$12,820	\$715	\$165
	CAP.	\$94,989	\$48,212	\$30,965	\$15,822
	S. I.	\$788	\$0	\$0	\$788
Worker's Compensation	P. S.	\$266,303	\$266,303	\$0	\$0
	O. M.	\$257,879	\$222,569	\$16,275	\$19,035
Unemployment Comp.	P. S.	\$103,667	\$100,592	\$0	\$3,075
Non-Contributory Pension	O. M.	\$1,483,195	\$1,115,686	\$74	\$367,435
Non-Contributory Annuity	O. M.	\$24,360	\$23,027	\$0	\$1,333
Section 101	O. M.	\$65,600	\$64,729	\$0	\$871
Retirement System	S. I.	\$279,103	\$249,103	\$0	\$30,000
Pension Accumulation Fnd	P. S.	\$6,926,588	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,926,588
	S. I.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Judgements & Settlements	O. M.	\$199,313	\$195,669	\$0	\$3,624
Contingency Account	P. S.	\$3,906	\$3,458	\$0	\$448
TOTALS		\$67,313,520	\$58,441,306	\$1,274,250	\$7,597,964

**1990
ANIMAL CONTROL
DEPARTMENT
REPORT**

Animal Control Department Report

During 1990, the Somerville Animal Control Department, funded and operating under the Executive Department and staffed by two animal control officers; Maureen Clark, employed 25 hours per week, and Judith Lavender, 40 hours per week, responded as follows:

Three hundred and fifty-one animals were picked up; one hundred and ninety dogs and cats were found new homes; 54 dogs were returned to the original owners; two cats were put to sleep and one hundred and five complaints dealt with raccoons, opossums or other wild animal species.

Nuisance complaints called in by city residents totaled 225 for unleashed dogs, 105 for barking dogs, 82 individuals were bitten by city dogs followed by immediate quarantine for rabies when the owner of the pet was able to be identified.

Fifty-nine cases of cruelty were reported; usually in connection with a dog and related to inadequate food, water or shelter. One case concerning a cat dealt with alleged physical abuse.

One hundred and seventy complaints dealt with felines; there were two hundred and fifteen miscellaneous calls.

1990 was the last year that Somerville paid for professional kenneling for its stray animals. According to the Mayor's instructions with input from the Engineering, Building and Animal Control Departments, individual kennels were installed within the dogpound at the city yard. This plan helped solve the city's kenneling problem in 3 ways: 1) by keeping the Animal Control Officers within the city during a greater part of the day: 2) Keeping kenneling costs down. 3) Saving wear and tear on the animal control vehicle.

During 1990 the Burlington Veterinary Hospital, operated by Dr. Susan Wyatt became the primary veterinary service for the city.

All in all, 1990 brought the Somerville Animal Control Department change in a positive direction, including improved animal care facilities and fiscal efficiency.

**OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

LICENSES

Office of the City Clerk
July 1, 1990

To the Honorable Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following is respectfully submitted as the one hundred nineteenth Annual Report of the City Clerk of Somerville, and is for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1990.

The receipts and payments were as follows:

For Dog Licenses issued in FY 1989-1990:

96 Males	at \$3.00	\$ 288.00
29 Females	at \$6.00	174.00
67 Spayed	at \$3.00	201.00
205 Male & Female	at \$10.00	2,050.00
317 Neutered & Spayed	at \$6.00	1,902.00
2 Transfers	at \$.25	.50
		\$ 4,615.50

For Hunting and Fishing Licenses issued in FY 1989-1990:

333 Fishing	at \$12.50	\$ 4,162.50
11 Fishing (Age 65-69)	at \$6.25	68.75
166 Hunting	at \$12.50	2,075.00
1 Hunting (Age 65-69)	at \$6.25	6.25
101 Sporting	at \$19.50	1,969.50
10 Sporting (Age 65-69)	at \$9.75	97.50
13 Minor Fishing	at \$6.50	84.50
15 Res. Alien Fishing	at \$14.50	217.50
30 Res. Alien Hunting	at \$19.50	585.00
8 Non-Res.Cit./Alien Fishing	at \$17.50	140.00
1 Non-Res.Cit/Alien Fish (7 Dys)	at \$11.50	11.50
1 Non-Res.Cit/Alien Hunt Big Game	at \$48.50	48.50
2 Non-Res.Cit/Alien Hunt Sm. Game	at \$23.50	47.00
1 Duplicate Hunting	at \$2.00	\$2.00
3 Duplicate Sporting	at \$2.00	\$6.00
53 Waterfowl Stamps	at \$1.25	\$66.25
28 Archery Stamps	at \$5.10	\$142.80
		\$ 9,730.55

Recording Mortgages, Assignments, etc.	\$ 8,950.00
Certificates of Marriage Intentions	5,230.00
Furnishing Copies of Records	31,843.65
	\$ 46,023.65

LICENSES

Auctioneers	2	at	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
Billiard Pool Tables and Bowling Alleys:				
	1	at	\$15.00 (Billiard Table)	
	1	at	\$30.00 (Billiard Table)	
	9	at	\$15.00 (Pool Tables)	
	2	at	\$30.00 (Pool Tables)	
	22	at	\$15.00 (Bowling Alleys)	
	1	at	\$30.00 (Bowling Alley)	600.00
Constables			800.00	
Garages:	9	at	\$25.00	225.00
Garage Renewals	97	at	\$50.00	4,850.00
Collect Junk:	1	at	\$50.00	50.00
Junk Dealers:	6	at	\$100.00	600.00
Junk Shop	5	at	\$50.00	1,500.00
Outdoor Parking:	703	at	\$2.00	1,406.00
Projection Over Sidewalk:	9	at	\$25.00	225.00
Raffle and Bazaar Permits:				110.00
Second Hand Auto Dealers:	68	at	\$75.00	
	8	at	\$100.00	5,900.00
Special Police				1,550.00
Storage of Explosives - Renewals				9,712.50
Sworn Weigher				50.00
Taxi Stands:	20	at	\$10.00	200.00
Transient Vendors:	22	at	\$52.00	1,144.00
Advertising				240.00
Conduits				615.00
Copies of Condominium Conversion Books				37.00
Copies of Zoning Ordinances				2,303.75
Proposed Zoning Ordinances				240.00
Duplicate Dog Tags				1.00
Gas Main				150.00
Pole Location				135.00
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				\$ 81,377.90

To the City Treasurer for Dog Licenses in FY 1989-1990

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29 Females	at	\$6.00	174.00
67 Spayed	at	\$3.00	201.00
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317 Neutered & Spayed	at	\$6.00	1,902.00
2 Transfers	at	\$.25	.50
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			\$ 4,615.50
Less City Clerk's Fees:			
192	at	\$.75	\$144.00
522	at	\$1.50	783.00
2	at	\$.25	.50
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			\$ 927.50
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			\$ 3,688.0

To the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game for Fishing, Hunting Licenses, etc. in FY 1989-1990:

333 Fishing	at	\$12.50	\$ 4,162.50
11 Fishing (Age 65-69)	at	\$6.25	68.75
166 Hunting	at	\$12.50	2,075.00
1 Hunting (Age 65-69)	at	\$6.25	6.25
101 Sporting	at	\$19.50	1,969.50
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1 Duplicate Hunting	at	\$2.00	\$2.00
3 Duplicate Sporting	at	\$2.00	\$6.00
53 Waterfowl Stamps	at	\$1.25	\$66.25
28 Archery Stamps	at	\$5.10	\$142.80
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			\$ 9,730.55
Less City Clerk's Fees:			
697	at	\$.50	\$346.00
53	at	\$.25	13.25
28	at	\$10	2.80
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			\$362.05
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			\$9,368.50

To City Treasurer Monthly

All the receipts above specified except for Fishing, Hunting Licenses
and Dog Licenses. \$81,377.90

Total including Fishing, Hunting and Dog Licenses. \$94,434.40

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Besides the Licenses mentioned in the foregoing list of Receipts, Licenses and Permits have
been granted by the Board of Aldermen, without charge as follows:

5 Block Party
2 Clover Drive
1 Kids Day
3 Outdoor Festival
1 Picnic
1 Rally & March
6 Road Race
2 Sacred Concert
2 Sidewalk Festival
1 Step-A-Thon
5 Walk-A-Thon
1 Yard Sale

1990 Annual Report of Intentions
of Marriages in Somerville, MA

1. Total number of intentions taken in Somerville from 1/1 -12/30/90	556
2. Total number of licenses issued	545
3. Total number of licenses not issued for above intentions	11
	TOTAL 556
4. Total number of licenses issued for #2 above not returned.	10

**ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
1990**

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Board of Election Commissioners respectfully submit the following report for the year 1990.

REGISTRATION

Before the State Primary, registration was held in the office at City Hall beginning on January 2, 1990 and continuing until August 21, 1990, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Evening registration was held from August 13 through August 21, 1990 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at City Hall and at various locations throughout the city namely:

August 13	Monday	Public Safety Building, Union Square	5-7 p.m.
August 14	Tuesday	Star Market, Winter Hill	5-7 p.m.
August 15	Wednesday	Clarendon Hill Apts., Teele Square	5-7 p.m.
August 16	Thursday	Davis Square "T" Station	5-7 p.m.
August 17	Friday	Sullivan Square "T" Station	5-7 p.m.
August 20	Monday	Porter Square "T" Station	5-7 p.m.

On Tuesday, August 21st, the last day to register to vote for the September 18, 1990 State Primary, registration hours were held at City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. On Saturday, August 18th, registration hours were held at City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Number of Registered Voters	37,682
Number of Additional Voters	<u>1,180</u>
	38,862

REGISTRATION

Before the State Election, registration was held in the office at City Hall September 29, 1990 and continuing until October 9, 1990 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Evening registration was held from October 2, through October 9, 1990 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at City Hall and at various locations throughout the city namely:

October 3	Wednesday	Porter Square "T" Station	5-7 p.m.
October 4	Thursday	Davis Square "T" Station	5-7 p.m.
October 5	Friday	Sullivan Square "T" Station	5-7 p.m.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1990, the last day to register to vote for the November 6, 1990 State Election, registration hours were held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. On Saturday, September 29, registration hours were held at City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Number of Registered Voters	38,862
Number of Additional Voters	<u>2,378</u>
	41,240

PETITIONS

The Board of Election Commissioners received the following petitions for certification. They were as follows:

	An REFERENDUM Petition to "Repeal Gay Rights"
# of petitions	20
# of signatures	344
Petition C	An Initiative Petition to "Change State Election Laws"
# of petitions	35
# of signatures	331
Petition E	An Initiative Petition "For Local Aid"
# of petitions	11
# of signatures	274
Petition M	An Initiative Petition to "Change the Mass. Tax Code"
# of petitions	35
# of signatures	264
Petition N	An Initiative Petition "To place restrictions on the State's use of consultants"
# of petitions	15
# of signatures	240
Petition V	An Initiative Petition "Citizens for Limited Taxation"
# of petitions	21
# of signatures	381
Petition X	An Initiative Petition for "Recycled packaging after 1995"
# of petitions	46
# of signatures	172
	An Initiative Petition for "The Northern Right Whale Recovery Act."
# of petitions	2
# of signatures	3
	PUBLIC POLICY QUESTION - Human Life Petition
# of petitions	2
# of signatures	10

RECORD OF VOTES CAST AT THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
HELD ON September 18, 1990

DEMOCRATIC VOTES CAST

TOTAL VOTES CAST 17,810

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Kerry 12,791
Write Ins 455
Blanks 4,564

GOVERNOR

Francis X. Bellotti 9,156
Evelyn F. Murphy 483
John Silber 7,401
Write Ins 151
Blanks 619

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Marjorie O'Neill Clapprood 9,092
William B. Golden 3,678
Nicholas A. Paleologos 2,812
Write Ins 87
Blanks 2,141

ATTORNEY GENERAL

James M. Shannon 6,994
L. Scott Harshbarger 9,342
Write Ins 60
Blanks 1,414

SECRETARY OF STATE

Michael Joseph Connolly 11,370
Write Ins 321
Blanks 6,119

TREASURER

William Francis Galvin 7,046
George Keverian 4,868
Dick Kraus 3,655
Write Ins 115
Blanks 2,126

AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci 11,432
Write Ins 284
Blanks 6,094

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS — 8th CONG. DIST.

Joseph P. Kennedy, II	13,389
Write Ins	395
Blanks	4,026

COUNCILLOR — SIXTH DISTRICT

Joseph A. Langone, III	4,967
Daniel G. Hurley	5,850
Anthony D. Pini	2,870
Write Ins	137
Blanks	3,986

SENATOR IN THE GENERAL COURT — SECOND MDSX DIST.

Salvatore (Sal) R. Albano	9,155
Dominick M. Cirino	1,391
Edward J. Rideout	5,231
Write Ins	66
Blanks	1,967

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT — 29th MDSX DIST.

Peter A. Vellucci	2,871
Write Ins	103
Blanks	1,395

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT — 30th MDSX DIST.

Mary E. Fantasia	1,749
Patricia D. (Pat) Jehlen	4,171
Stanley M. Koty, Jr.	3,223
Write Ins	17
Blanks	545

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT — 37th MDSX DIST.

Vincent Paul Ciampa	2,397
Write Ins	81
Blanks	1,258

DISTRICT ATTORNEY—NORTHERN DISTRICT

Joseph K. Mackey	9,009
Thomas F. Reilly	3,589
George W. Spartichino	3,181
Write Ins	51
Blanks	1,980

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Thomas J. Larkin	7,811
Joseph L. Bradley	4,881
Write Ins	142
Blanks	4,976

COUNTY TREASURER

James E. Fahey	3,992
Warren McManus	2,265
Kevin J. Palmer	6,356
Write Ins	139
Blanks	5,058

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Bill Schmidt	3,975
Barbara J. Auger Collins	3,215
William J. Eckland	745
Francis X. Flaherty	3,328
William S. McFarland	1,775
Write Ins	129
Blanks	4,643

REPUBLICAN BALLOT

TOTAL VOTES CAST	2,232
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SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Daniel W. Daly	651
Jim Rappaport	1,299
Write Ins	15
Blanks	267

GOVERNOR

Stephen D. Pierce	858
William F. Weld	1,321
Write Ins	20
Blanks	33

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Argeo Paul Cellucci	1,165
Peter G. Torkildsen	799
Write Ins	11
Blanks	257

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Guy A. Carbone	1,048
William C. Sawyer	783
Write Ins	24
Blanks	377

SECRETARY OF STATE

Paul McCarthy	1,535
Write Ins	26
Blanks	671

TREASURER

Joseph D. Malone	1,799
Write Ins	16
Blanks	417

AUDITOR

Douglas J. Murray	1,528
Write Ins	23
Blanks	681

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS — 8th CONG. DIST.

Glenn W. Fiscus	1,467
Write Ins	28
Blanks	737

COUNCILLOR — SIXTH DISTRICT

Vincent J. Manganello	1,418
Write Ins	30
Blanks	784

SENATOR IN THE GENERAL COURT — SECOND MDSX DIST.

Charles E. Shannon	1,439
Write Ins	36
Blanks	757

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT — 29th MDSX DIST.

Write Ins	79
Blanks	447

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT — 30th MDSX DIST.

Howard Claycombe	749
Write Ins	17
Blanks	413

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT — 37th MDSX DIST.

Michael Sylvester	307
Daniel J. Staffieri (Write In)	50
Blanks	170

DISTRICT ATTORNEY— NORTHERN DISTRICT

Write Ins	284
Blanks	1,948

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Donna Lambert	1,384
Write Ins	23
Blanks	825

COUNTY TREASURER

Walter Fish	1,334
Write Ins	25
Blanks	873

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Write Ins	290
Blanks	1,942

RECORD OF VOTES CAST AT THE STATE ELECTION HELD ON November 6, 1990

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST	27,173
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SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Kerry	18,805
Jim Rappaport	7,169
Write Ins	179
Blanks	1,020

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Silber & Clapprood	12,801
Weld & Celucci	12,016
Umina & DeBerry	704
Write Ins (Dorothy "Dotty" Stephens — 110)	640
Blanks	1,012

ATTORNEY GENERAL

L. Scott Harshbarger	20,369
William C. Sawyer	5,115
Write Ins	98
Blans	1,591

SECRETARY OF STATE

Michael Joseph Connolly	14,510
Paul McCarthy	6,356
Barbara F. Ahearn	3,520
Write Ins	114
Blanks	2,673

TREASURER

William Francis Galvin	11,198
Joseph D. Malone	12,655
C. David Nash	1,211
Write Ins	122
Blans	1,987

AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci	15,664
Douglas J. Murray	7,253
Steven K. Sherman	1,319
Write Ins	91
Blanks	2,846

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS — EIGHTH DISTRICT

Joseph P. Kennedy, II	19,586
Glenn W. Fiscus	4,768
Susan C. Davies	1,292
Write Ins	82
Blanks	1,445

COUNCILLOR—SIXTH DISTRICT

Daniel G. Hurley	13,745
Vincent J. Manganello	5,733
Robert W. Collins	2,819
Write Ins	191
Blanks	4,685

SENATOR IN THE GENERAL COURT — SECOND MDSX DIST.

Senator (Sal) R. Albano	14,705
Charles E. Shannon	10,310
Write Ins	146
Blanks	2,012

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT — 29th MDSX DIST.

Peter A. Vellucci	4,653
Write Ins	284
Blanks	1,876

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT — 30th MDSX DIST.

Howard Claycombe	749
Patricia D. (Pat) Jehlen	9,154
Write Ins	205
Blanks	1,247

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT — 37th MDSX DIST.

Vincent Paul Ciampa	3,930
Michael Sylvester	1,376
Daniel J. Staffieri (Write In)	50
Blanks	625

DISTRICT ATTORNEY— NORTHERN DISTRICT

Thomas F. Reilly	17,671
Write Ins	1,017
Blanks	8,485

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Donna M. Lambert	8,344
Thomas J. Larkin	13,277
Write Ins	252
Blanks	5,300

COUNTY TREASURER

James E. Fahey	14,537
Walter Fish	6,781
Write Ins	248
Blanks	5,607

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Francis X. Flaherty	17,222
Write Ins	880
Blanks	9,071

QUESTION #1

Yes	18,412
No	6,132
Blanks	2,629

QUESTION #2

Yes	8,955
No	16,747
Blanks	1,471

QUESTION #3

Yes	8,398
No	17,915
Blanks	860

QUESTION #4

Yes	14,326
No	10,175
Blanks	2,672

QUESTION #5

Yes	11,236
No	13,064
Blanks	2,873

QUESTION #6

Yes	14,644
No	9,309
Blanks	3,220

QUESTION #7

Yes	8,589
No	11,210
Blanks	7,374

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
1988

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Listing Board of the City of Somerville respectfully submits the following report for
the year 1988.

Listing of males and females, seventeen years of age and upwards.

Respectfully submitted,
Listing Board

Male under 17	4469	Male over 17	30,224
Female under 17	4605	Female over 17	35,763

VOTERS

Democrat	27,008
Republican	2,454
Unenrolled	11,778

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
FOR THE YEAR 1990**

The Annual Report of the Emergency Management Agency for the Year 1990 is herewith respectfully submitted.

The Emergency Management Agency has two Division, the Auxiliary Police and the Auxiliary Fire. IT is a non-paying, non-profit volunteer organization whose members give their time, effort and skills to provide support services to the citizens of Somerville.

Auxiliary Police: All Auxiliary officers are trained in CPR and must requalify once per year. All armed Auxiliary officers must requalify on the range with their service revolvers twice per year. The Auxiliary patrols the City of Somerville nightly in its own cruiser "201" which is staffed by one senior and one or more junior officers. These patrols are used to check city property, particularly schools, offer assistance to members of the public as well as regular police units as needed, church traffic, parades, holidays and crowd control at fires.

Auxiliary Fire: The unit is comprised of a Company Commander, a Captain, five Lieutenants, and eighteen Fire Fighters. This group, in addition to regular tours of duty, (weeknights, 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight), also responds after duty hours to emergency calls. These calls can be for the Lighting Plant to respond to a "Working Fire", or Engine Co. 9 to respond to a "multiple Alarm Fire". The nits also respond to "Special Service" calls such as pumpouts, or to light up scenes of fatal accidents or crime scenes for the Police Dept. or they may be called to pumpouts and light up scenes for the Somerville Fire Depts. Arson Investigation.

Through the year the members of the Somerville Auxiliary Police and Fire Dept. have volunteered many hours of service to the City of Somerville and its citizens, whether it be through hours on duty during the week, or after duty hours.

The Somerville Emergency Management Agency is extremely proud to have the best and most active Auxiliary in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Director

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
ANNUAL REPORT
1990**

Executive Office of Communications
Director: Paul C. Trane
Extension: 2600

The services of the Executive Office of Communications include:

- 1) **Oversees the city's fiber optic based telephone system** — During 1990 the cost of city telephone services have been reduced through effective management. Cost accounting has become an intricate part of city business. Also, the expansion included a revamped telephone configuration for the Fire Alarm Division to enhance public safety response time. During 1990 the Executive Office of Communications began the development of an implementation plan for enhanced 911 emergency telephone service.
- 2) **Oversee and negotiate the Cable Television Contract** — The Director of the Office of Communications acts as the Mayor's principal negotiator for a new cable television contract. The City and the Community Cable Television Advisory Board held public meetings to investigate the past practices of the cable television provider to the citizens of Somerville.
- 3) **Administer the city's radio communications network** — Cost savings of close to 100% were realized in the maintenance and repair of the city's radio infrastructure. Furthermore, the Office of Communications designed and implemented a new radio system for the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Parking Department, School Department, Administration and Election Departments.
- 4) **Manage and produce programming for City Cable Channel 16** — Despite budget cutbacks City Cable 16 produced additional programming. Some of the programming included a live Democratic Candidates Forum for Statewide Office seekers. Other shows included The Mayor's Report, The Aldermen's Hour, The School Committee Forum and Election Watch 1990.
- 5) **Perform all public relations duties for Mayor Capuano and City** — The consistent dissemination of public information is a critical function of the Office of Communications. Through the city's news publications, television productions and electronic bulletin board, citizens were kept up to date on the happenings in their city.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
CITY OF SOMERVILLE
MASSACHUSETTS
1990**

Board Members:

David Osler, MD, Chairman
Maureen Monagle, RN
Robert McWatters

Ann L. Elderkin, Director

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT—1990

The Honorable Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Somerville, MA

The following factual information is submitted as the Annual Report of the Health
Department of the City of Somerville.

AIDS COMMISSION

The Somerville AIDS Commission monitors AIDS statistics from the Massachusetts
Department of Public Health:

Total AIDS Cases Diagnosed in Somerville Through 1/1/9170

Male	60
Female	10

Transmission Categories:

Homosexual/bisexual male	41
Injection drug user	10
Heterosexual contact	13
Transfusions	3
Undetermined	1
Mother with AIDS (< 13 years)	1

Race:

White	53
Black	16
Hispanic	1

Age:

Under 13	1
20-29	16
30-39	31
40-49	16
50+	6

Status:

Alive	27
Deceased	41
Unknown	2

PUBLIC HEALTH

Pre-school immunizations administered	121
Pre-school lead poisoning screening	16
Tuberculin tests administered	157
Elderly flu shots administered	1993
Rabies shots for dogs administered	40
Animal bites reported	63

Contagious diseases investigated and reported:

Campylobacter	16
Chickenpox	13
Legionellosis	1
Meningitis	5
Hepatitis	17
Salmonella	20
Malaria	2
Giardiasis	27
Tuberculosis	7
Lyme Disease	1
Leprosy	1
Yersinia	2
Shigella	14

Burial permits issued for deaths in Somerville: 378

Death by Ages:

Under 28 Days	1
28 Days to 1 Year	1
1-14	1
15-24	5
25-44	24
45-64	51
65-74	88
75-84	104
85-over	103

SCHOOL HEALTH

Physical examinations:	Grades K, 4, 9	1,409
Vision tests:	Pre-school, Grades K-8	5,437
Hearing tests:	Pre-school, Grades K-9	5,373
Scoliosis screenings:	Grades 5-9	1,292
Dental screenings:	Grade 2	173

SANITARY CODE ENFORCEMENT

Licenses/Permits Issued:

Food Service	70 permits @ \$100	\$7,000
Food Service	85 permits @ \$150	\$12,500
Food Service	16 permits @ \$200	\$3,200
Seasonal Food Service	50 permits @ \$25	\$1,250
Retail Food	92 permits @ \$100	\$9,200
Retail Food	54 permits @ \$150	\$20,700
Retail Food	17 permits @ \$100	\$3,400
Mobile Food	3 permits @ \$100	\$300
Catering	11 permits @ \$100	\$1,100
Frozen Dessert Manufacturer	65 permits @ \$25	\$1,625
Milk	210 permits @ \$10	\$2,100
Ice Cream	143 permits @ \$25	\$3,575
Commercial Food Processing	15 permits @ \$100	\$1,500
Food Warehouse/Cold Storage	6 permits @ \$100	\$600
Theater	3 permits @ \$100	\$300
Swimming Pools	2 permits @ \$100	\$200
Steam Baths/Whirlpools	2 permits @ \$100	\$200
Funeral Directors	9 permits @ \$100	\$900
Late Fee		\$941
New business Application Fee		<u>\$1,025</u>
Total cash received		\$59,266

Food establishment inspections	780
Food establishment re-inspections for violations	624
Emergency closures of food establishments	3
Complaints investigated:	
Retail food stores	41
Restaurants/theaters	32
Rubbish/garbage	38
Dumpsters	25
Odors/smoke/environment	23
Pests	20
Miscellaneous	<u>16</u>
Total complaints	198

HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT

Full housing inspections	441
Housing units in violation	278
Housing re-inspections	978
Legal notices served	1,969
Court appearances	114
Household trash ordinance warnings issued	1,484
Housing trash ordinance \$25 tickets issue	303
Baiting for rodent control	165
Animal trap loans	9

Complaints investigated:	
Housing - unsanitary conditions	15
Rubbish/garbage	842
Plumbing	67
Electrical	31
Lead paint	3
Heat	61
Rodents	251
Roaches	48
Dogs/cats/raccoons	25
Exterior	69
Water/sewerage	10
Vacant lots - Hedges/bushes/shrubs	
Miscellaneous	<u>250</u>
Total complaints	1,422

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ENFORCEMENT

Complaints investigated:	
Air quality/pollution/odor	14
Incinerators	12
Asbestos	6
Water pollution	4
Motor oil disposal	7
Lead in soil	4
Illegal dumping	4
Paint disposal	2
Batteries	2
Noise pollution	4
Total complaints	58

Respectfully submitted,

Ann L. Elderkin, Director

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT
1990**

City of Somerville
Department of Public Works
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

January 25, 1991

To: Arthur McCue City Clerk

From: Michael Foley

Re: Annual Report and Municipal Register

Superintendent Inspectional Services

Michael Foley

1 Thurston St. Somerville, Mass.

Senior Inspector of Buildings

Paul Nonni

Building Inspector

Kenneth Brooks

Building Inspector

Anthony Ammendolia

Building Inspector

Jeffrey St. Germain

Zoning Inspector

Leo Karepetian

License and Permits Inspector

George Dervishian

Somerville Environmental Strike Force

Michael E. Capuano

Mayor

Robert Trahan

Commissioner

Michael Foley

Superintendent I.S.D.

Ann Elderkin

Director b. of H.

Joan Langstom

Assistant Solicitor

Christina Bramante

Environmental Protection Officer

George Dervishian

Investigator S.P.D.

John O'Callahan

Investigator S.F.D.

Inspectional Services

Building Permits Issued	1,392
Certificate of Occupancy	192
Certificate of Inspections	244
License Renewals	130

**ANNUAL REPORT
1990
Somerville Fire Department**

City of Somerville
OFFICE OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT
Fire Headquarters
266 Broadway
Somerville, Massachusetts 02145

Emilio J. Scalesse
Chief Engineer
Tel . 623-1700

1990 Somerville Fire Department Incident Report

1.	Accidents (all vehicles)		234
2.	Assist (Police, citizens)		60
3.	Automobile & Vehicle fires		131
4.	Bomb Scares		19
5.	Clothes Dryer		8
6.	Wires Down		24
7.	Dumpsters		70
8.	Electrical		92
9.	Alarms (Total)		2,590
	A. Accidental	166	
	B. False (Boxes)	1,119	
	C. False (Telephone)	44	
	D. Faulty Systems	1,027	
	E. Needless	234	
10.	Fires (Residential)		64
11.	Fires (Buildings, including apartments)		54
12.	Gas & Oil Leaks		68
13.	Food on stove		365
14.	Furnace		82
15.	Lock outs		164
16.	Medical		1,475
17.	Miscellaneous		188
18.	Outside Fires		245
19.	Smoke Investigations		103
20.	Washdowns		118
21.	Water Problems		152
22.	Mutual Aid Responses (total)		167
	Arlington	13	
	Boston	49	
	Cambridge	78	
	Chelsea	3	
	Everett	19	
	Medford	5	

The following are the changes in the Fire Department as of 1/1/91:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Engineer	1
Deputy Chiefs	7
District Chiefs	4
Captains	10
Lieutenants	31
Apparatus Superintendent	1
Firefighters	112
Clerk	2

APPARATUS:

1250 Gallon Pumps	5
1000 Gallon Pumps	2
105 ft. Aerial Ladder	1
100 ft. Aerial Ladders	2
75 ft. Aerial Ladder	1
Hazardous Mat. Unit	1
Shop Truck	1

AUTOMOBILES:

Chief Cars	4
Fire Prevention Cars	5
Administration Car	1

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PUBLIC LIBRARY
of the
CITY OF SOMERVILLE
MASSACHUSETTS
FOR THE YEAR 1990**

ORGANIZATION OF LIBRARY PERSONNEL

December 31, 1991

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

	Term Expires
Mrs. Luci Spinale, President	January, 1990
Mrs. Mary MacIsaac, Vice President	January, 1992
Mr. Joseph Butler	January, 1991
Mrs. Margaret Grogan	January, 1991
Ms. Lillian Riley	January, 1992
Ms. Nora Stackpole	January, 1990
Three Vacancies	

STAFF 1990

Paul A. DeAngelis	Director
Thelma G. Donovan	Assistant Director
Alix Quan	Administrative Assistant
Mary Faith Baker	Bookmobile Librarian
Barbara B. Bannick	Reference Librarian
Rhonda Beth Cervenka	Branch Librarian, East
Ann Dausch	Children's Librarian
Margaret E. Durkin	Branch Librarian, West
Susan L. Edmonds	Chief Cataloger
C. Jennifer Harris	Desk Chief
Karen Kramer	Young Adults Librarian
Susan B. Lamphier	Periodicals Librarian
Wendy Mason	Music/AV Librarian
John Murphy	Hospital Librarian
Josefa M. Wrangham	Adult Services Librarian
Michelle H. Abramson	First Assistant, Reference
Ann Cassesso-Ercolini	First Assistant, Children's
Pamela B. Colt	First Assistant, Reference
Patricia F. Hall	First Assistant, Catalog
Rita M. Jones	First Assistant, East
Lois Lamborghini Dowd	First Assistant, West
Janet Kay Lockhart	First Assistant, Adult Services
Shirley A. McCauley	First Assistant, Office
George Pierce	First Assistant, Circulation
Tsuei-Mei Shih	First Assistant, Reference
Maureen Caron	Senior Assistant, Office
Annamarie DiCecca	Senior Assistant, West

Maria Martins
Lillian C. Pisani
Stephen A. Weiner
Geraldine Yeramian

Neghesti Ghebreyesus

Part-Time Attendants

Suline Alesandre
Erika Capodilupo
Steve Casey
Michelle Castro
Julie Czar
Freweini Ghebramichael
April Giordano

Volunteers

Lillian G. Casey
Carolyn Corretti
Diane Ferola
Ester Fernances
Kathleen Fitzgerald

Jos Holman
Ann Mullaly

Part-Time Resignations

Steven Andrade
Timothy Beck
Ann Doherty
John T. Kelly
Ruth E. Marra
Hai D. Nguyen
Jessica Smithe
Robert Spencer

Senior Assistant, Catalog
Senior Assistant, West
Senior Assistant, East
Senior Assistant, Music/AV

Junior Assistant, Circulation

Brenda McNeal
Hoa Nguyen
Jean Oliveira
Celia Pettigrew
Jourmathe Theodore
Hau Vo
Chun Qi Zhang

Heather McFarland
Janice Mahoney
Francis Orioli
Jerry Sokol
Gertrude Toll

Branch Librarian, East
Senior Assistant, Catalog

1990 STATISTICS

City: Somerville County: Middlesex
 Name of Library: The Public Library of the City of Somerville
 Date of Founding: 1872
 Name of Director: Paul A. DeAngelis
 Report for the year ending: December 31, 1990
 Governmental Unit of Support and Service: City
 Population served: 76,210
 Terms for Use: Free for Lending, Free for Reference
 Agencies: Central Library

Branches in Library Buildings

Bookmobile

Others: Shutins: 47
 Rest Homes: 214
 Homes for the Aged: 4
 Nursing Homes: 1

Total Materials Checked Out: 2,913

CIRCULATION AND USE

Total number of volumes lent for home use: 177,998

FAX: 1,000

Special Loans: 100

Period of Loan for the Majority of Book Stock: 21 days

Music/AV Circulation: Records 5,243 Prints 184 Video 10,450

CDs 5,655 BPL Films 383 Sculpture 1

Museum Passes used 704 Books for the Blind 12

Number of Reference questions answered: 65,000

Number of Inter-Library Loans:

Volumes Lent 188

Volumes Borrowed 188

Films Lent —

Films Borrowed 383

Non Resident Borrowers 12,575

Registration Period: Indefinite

Book Stock: 191,000

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes December 31, 1989	150,520	84,055	234,575
Number of volumes added during the year	10,262	2,440	12,702
Number of volumes withdrawn during the year	4,357	733	5,070
Number of volumes December 31, 1990	156,425	85,762	242,187

Number of newspapers currently received excluding duplicates 13

Number of newspapers on microfilm 3

Number of Microfiche 2 sets (numerous volumes)

Number of Periodicals currently received excluding duplicates 354

Music/AV Materials owned:	Records	6421	Prints	156
	Sculpture	17	Films	20
	Audio Cassettes	196	Videos	811
	Filmstrips	136	CDs	739

Museum Passes	6	Games	10	Special Loans	18
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FINANCES

Assessed valuation of City Real Estate	\$1,917,683,410
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City tax rate for 1990 per \$1,000.00	\$7.64
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RECEIPTS

Local Taxes - Library Department

1989-90 Budget	1,317,618)	1990 Estimate	1,286,861
1990-91 Budget	1,256,104)		

Fines included in above	5,494
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Dog Licenses including in above	
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Invested Funds -	Balance from 1989	84,039	
	Interest 1990	41,960	125,999

State Incentive Grant	36,140)	} in Library State Aid Account
Equalization Grant	41,193)	

Total Receipts	1,412,860
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EXPENDITURES

Salaries - Library Department		905,493
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Books	Budget	111,466	
	Funds	411	111,877

Periodicals	9,797
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Microfilm	2,353
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Other Library Materials	7,785
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Other Operating Expenses	Budget	163,052	
	Funds	2,803	165,855

Total Expenditures	1,203,160
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BALANCES

Budget - to be used in 1991	86,915
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Funds	1222,785	209,700
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Grand Total	\$1,412,860
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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
1990**

City of Somerville
POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT E. CARROLL
Chief of Police

March 11, 1991

To: Arthur B. McCue
City Clerk

Re: Annual Report

In response to your request for the "Annual Report," used to update the *Municipal Register*, I offer the following information:

STAFF:

Chief	1
Captains	7
Lieutenants	11
Sergeants	18
Patrol Personnel	105
Motor Equipment Repair	1
Telephone Operators	2
Senior Clerk	2
Junior Clerks	2

EQUIPMENT:

Police Station	1
Transport Wagon	1
Tactical Wagon	1
Four Wheel Drive Units	2
Patrol Units	33
Police Signal Box	0

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Emergency	625-1212
Business (All Units)	625-1600
TTY (For Deaf)	625-5014
Domestic Violence	625-7273 (625-RAPE)
Narcotics	776-7210

Very truly yours,

Michael Roe O'Donnell, Inspector
Chief's Aide
Somerville Police Department

**THE RECREATION COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT
1990**

THE RECREATION COMMISSION

Robert F. Pisco, Chairman
Harold C. Michitson, Vice-Chairman
Anthony J. Alibrandi
Paul A. De Stefano
Thomas W. Fothergill
Brian Langton
Julie P. Quinn
Marie C. Santamaria
Alfred Zuccaro

Secretary to the Commission: James B. Callahan, Superintendent
John M. Piconi, Assistant Superintendent

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUMMARY RECREATION COMMISSION 1990

To the Honorable, The Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen:

The Recreation Commission and its staff has attempted in the following pages to document how and why we existed over the past twelve months. Unlike most other municipal services, ours remains largely intangible in nature. It would be accurate to say that we're in the memory business. We perhaps don't touch the lives of every Somerville resident, but upon reading further, one will discover how many lives for the better we did touch. Turn to any given section of our programming and ask the participants to equate the enjoyment derived from their respective event or activity and other necessary functions of local government. It has been said that quality libraries, parks and recreation services tell much about the direction of a municipality irrespective of its Dunn and Bradstreet rating. Lifetime friendships are what make a city or town tick, and we have been the source of more such close relationships, and heated rivalries, for that matter, than most Somerville newcomers could possibly imagine.

Our Department suffered a budget reduction of a little more than 5%. It could have been much, much worse. The first year of Proposition 2 1/2, we lost 30% of our municipal allocation, and spent the rest of the decade just trying to hold our heads above water. However, survive we did indeed. We stood up also to the litigation madness of the mid-eighties, which threatened to question the very operation of public playgrounds and recreation activities. So, make no mistake about it ... S.R.C. will survive the current economic downturn, too. Please look to our Activities' Brochure, Rec's handy programs and events calendar and the Commission's Summer Playground announcement card to stay up to date on the questions of what, where, when and for whom we are all about in the nineties.

PERSONNEL

The first year of the new decade proved to be every bit the challenge to Municipal Recreation employees that had been forecast. Given the aforementioned budget reduction outlined in our foreword, the Commission gave the staff perhaps two of the three worst messages known to the workplace. One, no pay raise for Fiscal '91, and two, less leadership assistance to accomplish any and all of our in place programming! However, we did manage to avoid any mention of infamous message #3 ... at least for this year.

Rec's 16-75 year old part-time cadre of leaders did a remarkable job in all phases of the work effort this past year. The Commission's intermittent labor force provided enthusiastic leadership to each and every one of our activities and events, and seldom, if ever, mentioned the increased difficulty of their workload. It has always been a source of pride to be selected to work for the Recreation Commission because of its standards and comradeship. Today's kid proved equal to the task this past year wherever our programming took place.

Equal mention is in order for our staff of full-time, civil service, S.M.E.A. employees, who again choreographed all programming and essential day to day functions of our municipal department. The Rec's Administrative and Supervisory people are better than money can buy, because monetary incentives have never been their only reason for coming to work at 19 Walnut Street. A full-timer's forty hour (plus) work week traditionally consists

of a few longer work shifts and/or shorter six... even seven day work weeks, if our weekly seventy-five (+) hours of programming and office time is to be given adequate coverage. Our career recreation professionals are low profile folks, but without their unselfish efforts, much programming would cease altogether. Therefore, left to right, they are: Superintendent James B. Callahan, Assistant Superintendent John M. Pieroni, Supervisors Elaine M. Pieroni, Thomas A. O'Hare, Donna M. Callahan, Carol S. Lane, Karen M. Harrington, and Administrative Assistant Jo Ann Goggin.

Lastly, let's offer an expression of sincere thanks to the men and women of the Recreation "Commission" itself, who appear in the front of this Report. Each member gave consistently of his or her time to help improve the coverage and delivery of public recreation service to the community. Their collective analysis of the city's ever-changing leisure time pulse beat was essential to Rec's planning and sponsorship of activities and events. The commission's demonstrated ability to focus in on target populations and sectors of a diverse city singularly determines the effectiveness of our municipal appropriation.

SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

The Commission's network of staffed Summer Playground sites survived some difficult funding cuts this past season. The playgrounds program received but 70% of the operating budget it had received in the Summer of '89. Consequently, our aggregate attendance fell some 24% from the previous Summer's second highest seasonal total of the eighties. Thirty-five playground leaders cannot have the city-wide effectiveness of fifty-two no matter how staffing is assigned or programming is scheduled by our supervisors. Somerville was, however, fortunate to be able to offer staffed playground sites at all in the wake of such unexpectedly deep cuts in local aid from the Commonwealth. Many nearby cities and towns totally abandoned their Summer supervision of playground areas. One's argument then on municipal funding of events and activities within public playgrounds and open space would seem to rest on a simple cost/benefit analysis. Adult taxpayers saved about \$32,000, but the Commission's operational effectiveness to provide Somerville kids with the type of playground experience their parents and even grandparents can remember all the way back to 1917 shrunk by one quarter of its outreach potential. Our conclusion ... short money on the front end, yet a big payback on the years that lie ahead.

Opening day for the '90 season was Wednesday, June 20. The Commission reluctantly had to exclude five '89 sites from staffing and reduce total personnel at most others. The decision as to which units to curtail programming was based on attendance totals over the previous three Summers and a given site's overall suitability for our program. All 35 assigned Playground Leaders were veterans of previous summers. Despite the fact that applicant interviews were conducted throughout the month of May, the aforementioned cuts prevented bringing on board any new personnel. Pre-season training consisted of just an Opening Day meeting of workers on the 19th of June. Summer '89's programming restructuring came in handy, as now less leaders made mandatory the symbiotic relationship of the magnet/satellite concept. Each of our seven magnet unit heads were in charge of several sessions of programming each week for their two satellite sites. Each of the seven magnet assistant heads of units and the seven (yes, only seven) city-wide assistant leaders were responsible for travelling with satellite participants to magnet units for instructional clinics and special theme weeks like "Paint a Cap", "Fun 'n Fitness", and "Christmas in July". The fourteen satellite unit

heads remained at their assignments to insure local programming for late arrivals and those children reluctant to travel.

All Rec. Leaders received solid help in the theatre of operations from our Supervisors. Such assistance included both verbal and written feedback of job performance and overall planning, as well as a comprehensive evaluation with input by our entire supervisory and administrative staff. Said evaluations remain the principal criteria for future assignments with the Commission. Daily playground happenings and other unit goings on were compiled and published in the "Weekly Newsletter", which altogether with hundreds of photographs by our "Eagle-eyed Nikonman", all helped recapture each playground day and ultimately the Summer itself. Kids are forever fascinated by reading their names and seeing themselves at play, while Leaders acquire programming ideas from seeing what is most successful at other sites. Specialist instruction in passive recreation skills was furnished days via our 'Crafts 'N Things' visits to magnet units, and through different satellite sites in the city's seven wards by our "Arts in the Parks" program during the early evening hours. Last Summer's big box office hits were appropriately enough Boomerangs and fun pencils.

Please direct oneself to the following activities and events, which constituted Summer Playgrounds '90 for those of us, who enjoyed and lived it. Our chronology of All-Season Almanac events commences with the Baseball/Softball days of June 22 and 29 down at Lincoln Park and Trum Field, respectively. Over 100 participants showed up at each day to be timed from home plate to first base, home to home, then measured for distance throws and hits, together with an accuracy toss from the plate to second base. Classes "D", "C", and even a few sophisticated "B"'s participated in the five featured events designed to scout out the various skills required of a baseball player namely: running, throwing, fielding, hitting, and hitting with power.

Our Track & Field programming for the season started with the local National Parks & Recreation Association's Hershey Track & Field Youth Day at Dilboy Stadium on June 26. Somerville Recreation participants and athletes from Cambridge's Mandela Track Club qualified at Dilboy for the State competitions at Braintree Parks & Recreation on July 21. However, the Hershey event's main significance to the playgrounds is that it awakens interest in the magnet Track Meet schedule, which sets the stage for Rec's big happening in early August.

June 27 offered an old but new special event as the Rec. Staff joined forces with the Somerville Police Department to cosponsor a Bicycle Safety Rodeo at Supt. Charles C. Kelley Park. The rodeo featured a six event obstacle course for riders to test their skills, a bicycle check for safe operation and a bicycle registration. Each child's name was engraved on his or her bike and "McGruff", the crime watch dog of TV fame also made a special appearance. Sixty children went home better prepared to cope with navigating a bike within an urban environment.

Local & City-wide competition in small games and tournaments began with Checkers on June 28, Jackstones on July 9, Jumprope on July 20, and Chess on July 25. Anyone, who has ever progressed through an inter-playground tournament, knows that a blend of technical methods and good fortune are required to reach the top of the ladder. Participants learn first hand how good, good really can be in a large city. Youngsters also develop respect for others

and themselves, when they are presented with a common ground for interaction.

Quite the adventurous experience took place, July 9, with two full bus loads of city kids travelling with rod and reel to the Brookline Reservoir for a day of old' fashion fishing. The first annual S.R.C. Playgrounds' Fishing Derby, an N.R.P.A. program sponsored by "Hooked on Fishing International", along with the cooperation of the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association, was a huge, gigantic, colossal success even if its biggest catch wasn't! Participants received a multi-colored patch and the anglers with the largest fish in each age category won various donated equipment.

Paddle Tennis winners from locals across the city assembled at Supt. Kelley Playground on the afternoon of July 24. The two previous inter-city tournaments had been conducted in 95⁰⁺ heat in '88 and '89, however, weather conditions for the '90 edition were but slightly overcast with an afternoon temperature that would only reach the high seventies. S.R.C. Paddle Tennis Clinics at each of our seven magnet units earlier in the Summer once again produced better and more knowledgeable talent for the respective male and female Class "B", "C" & "D" championships. The corner of Summer and Craigie Streets, that is Kelley Playground, remains a unique and colorful spectacular on Tournament Day each Summer.

Our Playgrounds Extravaganza, a.k.a. "Play Day" was held at Trum Field on July 26. This past year's theme presented an assorted cast of cartoon characters and media favorites. Children competed in such memorable classics as The Bugs Bunny; Rec's Pinocchio Ring Toss; and Horton Hatches an Egg relays. Judges awards were presented in categories ranging from best playground spirit to most well-mannered team. Leaders practice the various obstacle course drills as best they can on their local units in the days before the big event. However, when the games begin, the sight of twenty odd squads all trying to become the straightest line first is a sight to behold from the Broadway grandstand.

The hardest part of going down to defeat in the seventh Annual Somerville Rec.-Cambridge Rec. sandlot baseball tournament was not losing more games than we won, but rather losing to Cambridge period! Oh well, our kids played their best and made some new friendships on both sidelines, as many players on the (Dilboy, Shaw, Trum/Conway, Lincoln/Glen, Foss) three Somerville teams had never played together before arriving at Donnelly Field on July 30, 31 and August 1. A final best of three series came down to between East & West Cambridge and witnessed some excellent baseball. Thanks to the Rec. folks at 51 Inman Street, Central Square, for hosting the games.

Westside Progressive Games Day was held July 30 with Dilboy, Vietnam Veterans, Woodstock, Shaw, Brown, Cutler, Trum, Albion, had their day August 1 with Kelley-Conway, Cummings, Kennedy, Glen, Hanscom, Harris, Lincoln, Perry and Sen. Corbett having their chance to show a typical day on the playground to family and friends. Much planning and creative thought goes into the better organized Progressive Games Days, which is a credit to the quality of Playground Leadership at S.R.C.

August 2 was PawSox Day on the Playgrounds with 87 youngsters travelling to McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, R.I. Minor League Baseball remains alone as the last great bargain left in this country. The best seat in McCoy is a full dollar cheaper than a bleacher seat at Fenway! Our Rec kids helped the PawSox set an attendance record of 298,050 last year. Remarkably,

PawSox players have been on the field at McCoy, only to be called up to Fenway and been in a big league uniform in just an hour's time. Parking is free, concessions are affordable and more than \$4.5 million has been poured into recent renovations to the ballpark. Remember, today's triple "A" player could be tomorrow's million dollar man, and the scouts with us from age 8-58 all had their secret selections.

The 69th Annual Inter-Playground Track Meet was held the evening of August 7 at Trum Field. It had rained 1/5" the night before and we were to see another 2/3" before dawn on the 8th. Miraculously, the Meet squeezed between each period of precipitation giving 261 participants an event in which to remember the Summer. Temperature at our 5:30 p.m. starting time was a perfect 82° with a slight southerly wind. The boys and girls from Trum edged out defending champs, Lincoln to capture the City Championship. The preparations needed to make THE Meet go off each season commences Opening Day on the Playgrounds and are not finished until the official Meet results are compiled and all Meet paraphernalia has been stored away at either Walnut or Vernon Streets for the next first Tuesday in August. The Commission wishes to express its gratitude to the many volunteer officials, Recreation Leaders, and Park Department personnel for their tireless efforts in keeping a unique municipal tradition alive.

The Somerville Kiwanis Club's Playgrounds Awards Night was conducted in the Fire & Safety Building in Union Square on August 15. Kiwanis picks up the full tab for the evening, which consists of 50 Sportsmanship Sweatshirts, six or so Inter-Playground Track Meet MVP trophies and dozens of ribbon certificates emblematic of City Championship status in Checkers, Jackstones, Jump rope, Chess & Paddle Tennis. The Commission's Ordinary Maintenance appropriation could never shoulder the expense of an Awards Night, thus it is worth giving a second curtain call to the Kiwanis of Somerville for their continued financial support to the Summer Playgrounds program.

The '90 Playground season ended on Friday, August 10, just 37 days and 37 dozen lost tennis balls after it had begun. The Summer was cloudy and wet with temperatures for the above sessions averaging a very tolerable 80.4°. The week of July 16-20 hit 90° every day, but only August 3 got that hot again. Tennis and Soccer camps were conducted during the week of August 13-17 to extend the Summer a bit longer, but the Playground season was history. S.R.C. Leaders did a remarkable job adapting to our new cluster concept of programming, and never once complained (out loud anyway) about the lack of a pay raise.

PLAYGROUND ATTENDANCE TOTALS
Summer, 1990

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL	A.M.	P.M.	TOTAL
Dilboy	759	303	1062	542	520	1062
Veterans	532	317	849	426	423	849
Woodstock	431	353	784	378	406	784
	1,722	973	2,695	1,346	1,349	2,695
Foss	758	240	998	611	387	998
Grimmons	1,106	460	1,566	777	789	1,566
Mystic	681	130	811	428	383	811
	2,545	830	3,375	1,816	1,559	3,375
Glen	555	300	855	451	404	855
Hanscom	529	417	946	445	501	946
Harris	821	331	1,152	555	597	1,152
	1,905	1,048	2,953	1,451	1,502	2,953
Kelley-Conway	1,003	332	1,335	688	647	1,335
Cummings	667	427	1094	542	552	1094
Kennedy	622	223	845	445	400	845
	2,292	982	3,274	1,675	1,599	3,274
Lincoln	1,194	434	1,628	789	839	1,628
Perry	964	926	1,890	924	966	1,890
Sen. Corbett	456	492	948	492	456	948
	2,614	1,852	4,466	2,205	2,261	4,466
Shaw	800	659	1,459	679	780	1,459
Brown	420	409	829	408	421	829
Cutler	207	97	304	190	114	304
	1,427	1,165	2,592	1,277	1,315	2,592
Trum	1,221	582	1,803	1,042	761	1,803
Albion	796	338	1,134	549	585	1,134
<u>Lexington</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>794</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>794</u>
	2,504	1,227	3,731	1,979	1,752	3,731

1990 Weekly Totals

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL	A.M.	P.M.	TOTAL
Week #1	1,855	1,220	3,075	1,549	1,526	3,075
Week #2	2,622	1,590	4,212	2,202	2,010	4,212
Week #3	1,614	940	2,554	1,293	1,261	2,554
Week #4	1,768	915	2,683	1,356	1,327	2,683
Week #5	1,707	862	2,569	1,345	1,224	2,569
Week #6	1,593	699	2,292	1,223	1,069	2,292
Week #7	1,766	886	2,652	1,316	1,336	2,652
<u>Week #8</u>	<u>2,084</u>	<u>965</u>	<u>3,049</u>	<u>1,465</u>	<u>1,584</u>	<u>3,049</u>
	15,009	8,077	23,086	11,749	11,337	23,086

Unit Personnel & Recent Seasonal Totals

YEAR	PLGD. ATTENDANCE	# PLGD. LEADERS	YEAR	PLGD. ATTENDANCE	# PLGD. LEADERS
'90	23,086	(35)	'85	28,631	(38)
'89	30,414	(52)	'84	28,103	(38)
'88	24,186	(52)	'83	22,699	(30)
'86	32,287	(45)			

Kid Stop

Our third year program for youngsters 3-6 years old was one of the few areas of Summertime programming to actually expand its scope of operations in 1990. Kid Stop, which teaches children *how* to lay and interact with their peers, was conducted four mornings each week at Powder House Park throughout the entire Summer season. The fifty plus pre-schoolers attending the program in two-day shifts learned to share, exercise, and make things within a group setting. Kid Stop was not, however, a day care alternative, as an adult of choice had to remain at the site for the entire A.M. session. The highlight of the season was the first annual "tiny tots" Jump & Run Track Meet initially scheduled for July 20, before two monsoon rain storms pushed it into the last week in July. Activities included a hippity-hoppity race, bean bag dash, frisbee toss, standing jump and soft put, and were designed to challenged the participants' skills for fun in a non-competitive setting. The Commission and the pre-school program workers wish to acknowledge the help and patients given the "tiny tots" Meet during the cancellations by M.D.C. groundskeeper, Mr. Frank Scioli, who passed away this past November. Our kids, like so many other Somerville kids before these little guys and gals, benefited for decades from how ol' Frankie kept his sacred sod looking so darn good. Special program thanks also must go out to the city's building department and the Community Youth Agency for their understanding and assistance with our usage of the Powder House itself for equipment storage and participant emergencies. Lastly, the city's own Park Department re-scheduled maintenance around our operational times and provided whatever assistance we asked of the men in navy blue. Kid Stop is an example of how inter-agency cooperation, a super dedicated staff, and a safe and attractive play site can produce a priceless experience in these dollar short times of municipal finances.

Summer Playground Unit for Special Needs Children

The Somerville Recreation Special Needs Program is a six-week action packed program for special needs children between the ages of 6 and 22. Our structured, yet adventurous program allows our happy campers to build friendships, promote physical skills and enhance socialization skills. For some children, such opportunities may be difficult to experience at the local playground. Therefore, to encourage a "mainstream effect," we participate in local playground activities and we encourage family members to join us on "family day" and at our annual Open House. I guess you could say we're one big happy family!

Our roster has gradually increased to a total of 31 participants on our mailing list. Out of this total, 13 children participated in our Summer Programs. Many parents have been involved in providing cereal, juice, snacks, and lunches in place of the eliminated U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service program. Many thoughtful parents often inquired about our needs and we would like to express our gratitude for their kind gestures.

The Kindergarten classroom at the Powder House Community School was our home base for 13 campers and 6 leaders. Our Summer Program was activated on June 27 and swiftly ended six weeks later on August 8. Our days began with roll call at 9:15 A.M., a discussion of the day's events and, after breakfast, we started our day's adventures.

There have been bighearted people who volunteer their time, offer assistance in transportation and make helpful suggestions to enhance our program. We are very grateful to those parents, friends, and acquaintances, who often appear enthusiastically to assist our crew. Special thanks to "Kevin the custodian" for his assistance in locating a much needed refrigerator and finding a VCR for those rainy, rainy days of Summer. We also would like to express deep gratitude to a few faithful organizations, who help finance our special needs program. The Sons of Italy group has been extremely generous throughout the years. Their donations help us to budget our Summer program and make daily fees cheaper for all. The Blue Knights have also donated money to supplement our Summer budget. Special kudos to Bob Pappa, our beloved bus driver, for informing the Blue Knights of our special program.

We enjoyed an excellent Summer season this year. The Summer weather was more cooperative and this resulted in only a limited number of trip cancellations. A portion of donated funds were used to purchase "Rez tags" from the Arlington Recreation. We received a great rate for each child and our leaders were admitted free. We visited the Arlington Rez. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for swimming, sand castle competitions, and game playing. We appreciate Arlington Rec's kindness for acquiring a discount rate for us.

On Mondays we took advantage of local sites such as the State House, the Swan Boats, the Children's Museum, the Aquarium, strawberry picking, the Wal-Lex, and a luncheon at the Hard Rock Cafe. Through the M.D.C. Mounted Police in Stoneham, we were thrilled to have another opportunity to bring the children "horseback riding." The children look forward to this trip with such excitement that we truly enjoy seeing such delight in their faces. On Wednesdays, we brought our professional bowlers to the Route 2 Bowladrome. The management of the Bowladrome are simply wonderful. They are very courteous, and extremely patient, especially when we have difficulty finding our list of 13 shoe sizes! The children enjoy this weekly visit and they look forward to reviewing their bowling scores

before going home.

Fridays have always been special days during the Summer months. On two occasions, we visited our favorite bathing spot, Wingersheek Beach in Gloucester. There we discovered sand dollars, biting live crabs, and baby lobsters! We even invited parents and family members to Wingersheek for "family day." This gave the parents the opportunity to observe our daily routine, become familiar with the other children, and see how much fun we really have! Hopefully, this will be an event we'll be able to repeat next Summer. Other Friday trips included the Thompson Center, where we fired up the coals for another great BBQ. The children enjoy "fishing" and active waterplay. We ventured up to the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly to see "Dinosaur Rock." The children were totally ecstatic and captivated by the show. Other trips included visiting New England Alive in Ipswich where the children were able to handle baby chicks, feed goats, and observe "Buster" the monkey. Our last trip of the Summer was to Canobie Lake. Under threatening dark clouds, we managed to stay long enough before the torrential downpour hit. Luckily, we were able to ride the merry-go-round, experience a waterlog ride and a few enjoyed a swirl on the tilt-a-whirl.

The few days of torrential rains created immediate changes in plans. Substitute plans consisted of seeing "The Jetsons" at Revere Cinema. Special thanks to the management at Revere Cinema for accommodating our group at a discount. Another rainy day activity proved to be quite successful. The Somerville firefighters at the Union Square station occupied our group by giving a grand tour of their fire station. The children were thrilled to climb the fire trucks, operate the hoses and ring the sirens. Watch out, we may visit again next Summer!

The children really take pride in every arts and crafts project they take part in. Creative talents were exhibited in the t-shirt painting activity. Given neon paint, glitter, and decorations, the children worked long and hard to perfect their designer t-shirts. Worn every other day, the children were never tired of them.

Our fifth Annual Open House was held on Wednesday, Aug. 1. Family and friends had a chance to view the slide show of the Summer's events and view displays of arts and crafts and pictures of the children. Following the slide show, everyone enjoyed the BBQ and sweets.

As mentioned previously, we try to provide as much activities in the mainstream as possible. Such trips included the traditional trip to Pawtucket, R.I. to watch the PawSox at McCoy Stadium on Youth Day. Following the game, we were very fortunate to have a group picture taken with Mo Vaughn, a PawSox first baseman. Enough copies of the picture were made for each child to treasure for a lifetime. Another activity was the Fishing Derby at Brookline Reservoir. Our fishermen/women practiced casting and reeling in various alien objects. We wondered where the real fish were hiding.

The 8th Annual Farewell Party was once again held at Deco's in Ball Square. The ownership not only supplied the space, music, and soda, but also splurged for pizza as well. After lunch, the children received their awards and goodie bags. Amazed that another Summer season had escaped us, we exchanged our goodbyes until our next scheduled meet, the Somerville Special Olympics in September.

Fall, Winter, Spring — Special Needs Programming

February	Walt Disney On Ice, Boston Garden
March	Rumplestiltskin - Boston Baked Theatre
May	Shriner's Circus, sponsored by Somerville Kiwanis
August	Somerville Bargain Market fundraiser (flea market for school-year program)
September	Somerville Special Olympics, sponsored by Somerville Kiwanis and the Youth Services Topsfield Fair
October	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus - Boston Garden
November	Cinderella - Boston Baked Theatre
December	Christmas Party at the Sons of Italy Hall, Medford Sesame Street Live at the Boston Garden

PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG TEENS

Afterschool Arts & Crafts

The Arts & Crafts program began its Winter/Spring Program in late January and continued until the end of March from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M. Cost was still .25 per project. Tuesdays, the program was at the Kennedy School for children of the area, while Thursdays & Fridays the program was conducted at the Brown School. Large attendance numbers and limited space required the two days at the Brown School. Both schools averaged 40-45 children participating in the program. The projects were geared to lower elementary grade children, but many children from the upper grades continued to participate also. Projects were made using a variety of materials such as contact paper, cloth, felt, ribbon, styrofoam, yarn, balloons, cotton, along with traditional craft supplies of construction paper, cardboard and crayons. Many of the projects had a holiday theme. The Winter/Spring projects included a Felt Bookmark, Victorian heart ornament, calico picture frame balloon and ribbon hang up, green felt man, styro bunny, felt Dutch magnet and and bunny bag.

Along with a new school year in 1990, came a Fall/Winter season of new projects for the Arts & Crafts program. Because of budgeting and staffing difficulties, the program was offered on Thursdays at the Kennedy and Fridays at the Brown. The cost per project was increased to \$.50. This price increase was necessary because prices of material needed for projects also increased. The higher cost per project did not seem to decrease the number of participants at the Kennedy or Brown. Each school still had large numbers. The program started in mid-October and ended before the school's Christmas holiday break. Projects again were of a holiday theme and exposed children to using many types of materials such as feathers, tissue paper, yarn, foil, tongue depressors, pine cones, bells, ribbon, doilies, and wrapping paper. Projects included Jack-O-Lanterns, Ghost Wind Chime, pumpkin magnet, Indian & Pilgrim pokes, turkey pom poms, turkey centerpieces, reindeer pins, and hang-ups and a Christmas doorhanger.

Girls' Gymnastics

The emphasis on fitness and rhythmic gymnastics continued to add a new dimension to our already successful gymnastics program. Aerobics increases cardiovascular endurance and the use of ribbon streamers develops coordination and rhythm. Our present membership of 45 young women were offered weekly instruction in floor exercise, high balance beam & dance, and the total program provided the gymnast with a well-rounded background in movement, strength & flexibility.

Although the program has undergone many changes since 1975, the emphasis has remained on safety, social interaction, dance and body development. Competition among the girls is kept at a minimum; rather they work to achieve their own personal satisfaction by deciding their own goals & working at their own pace. Participants learn about life-long patterns of fitness. They learn to stretch and warm-up properly. The discipline involved in the sport can definitely be applied throughout their lives, in the classroom, at home and at work.

Mr. Pee Wee Tennis/Beginner Piano Lessons

Wilson Sporting Goods' Mr. Pee Wee Tennis instruction doubled its subscription this past Spring, when it moved from its '89 site at Perry Playground on Washington Street to Supt. Charles C. Kelley Playground on Summer & Craigie Streets. "P.W.T." introduced youngsters 6-8 years of age to the game of tennis in a fun and rewarding way by tailoring the equipment and size of the playing court to the size, needs and athletic ability of younger children. It replaced the frustration of learning a new sport with fun. Children were no longer overwhelmed by the sheer distance that they had to hit the ball or how far they had to run. The special Wilson net is only 28" high, almost a foot shorter than a regulation net, thereby allowing children to see over the net, not look through it. The tennis balls are made of a lightweight foam, which requires less strength to hit than regular tennis balls and also moved slower to enable young players more time to get to the ball and set up for a shot. The Mr. Pee Wee racket is but 21" long with a 3 1/2" grip for small hands. Its midsize head and light weight allowed kids to maneuver the racket with good control. Graduation day witnessed each participant receiving a special program certificate to go with his or her cap and t-shirt.

S.R.C. offered another afternoon delight with its Basic Beginner's Group Piano Lessons course for boys and girls 9-12 years old. Said lessons were designed for true beginners without any previous musical training and imparted the student with a knowledge of basic keyboard skills in theory and in song. Our protege pianists met once a week in the Commission's main hall at 19 Walnut Street under the tutelage of an instructor from the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Somerville Youth Basketball

Basketball programming for youngsters took off in a big way in 1990 with 13 hours per week of hoop action at the S.H.S. Brune Fieldhouse. The Somerville Youth League (formerly the East Somerville Youth League) became sponsored by the Recreation Commission and was fully operational at the "House" by late January. Additionally, clinics were conducted for each public and parochial school in the city to introduce new kids to the fieldhouse and the S.Y.B. program. Mr. Frank Ferraro, Vice-Principal of the Healey Elementary School and founder of the E.S.Y.L. program, directed all operations each Saturday from 8:30 A.M. - 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:00 - 10:00 P.M. Youngsters were divided into age groups (8-10; 11-12; 13-15). The main emphasis of the program centers on Basketball instruction and play with a unique 50-50 formula, whereby everyone is guaranteed to play at least one-half of every game against others of similar age and abilities. Good physical activity, responsibility and fun remain the keystones of the program. Instruction is given by past and present league members with the various responsibilities for coaching, scorekeeping, refereeing, etc., carried out by the youngsters themselves. The two main goals of the Commission were achieved in that the program's membership went from 138 in the Fall of '89 to over 260, and secondly an independent, separate Girls' division had become a functioning reality by Winter of '90. All parties involved in this collaborative approach to youth sports programming wish to extend their gratitude to Mayor Capuano and the Somerville School Department for their complete support and continued assistance in all matters pertaining to the use of the S.H.S. facility.

Baseball Clinic

Coach Bob Pisco's Hot Stove League gets cookin' the weekend after Columbus Day weekend and continues through the end of March. The Indoor Cage at Cousens' Gym on the campus of Tufts University is now the off-season home to some 160 ballplayers each Sunday morning. Regardless of New England weather conditions, at 7:00 A.M., upwards of 85 pre-teen youngsters march into the Tufts facility to learn baseball techniques from "THE" Coach. No sooner have the above tired souls exited, when at 9:00 A.M., 65 teens are taken through their paces until 10:30 A.M. Hardly a week transpires all winter long without the Rec's office getting a call or two about the program. Directions on how to get to Tufts are easy, but instructions on how to become a good baseball player require... practice, practice, and more practice!

The Parents' Club again conducted a raffle to purchase the niftiest bright red sweatshirts around and to give back a little something to Tufts' Athletic Fund. No child has ever been turned away from the Clinic, because the Clinic has never required any fees or charges. Rather, by our providing a vehicle to generate some extras for the kids and also at the same time offset some inherent operating expenses without direct user fees, we shift the cost of the program from individuals to the group.

Lastly, the Commission wishes to once more acknowledge the contribution of the Athletic Department of Tufts University in making the Clinic the huge success it has become in the last several years. The Jumbo's Cousens facility is like no other in the immediate area for conducting a baseball workout. The University's concern for the children of the Somerville/Medford area is, as always, appreciated and hereby noted by baseball junkies, young and old.

Teen Fitness Centers

The Open gym program for teenagers continued to be a popular program. The East Somerville Gym was in operation every Monday evening for pick up basketball games. The Powder House Gym was open on Tuesday evenings, while the Lincoln Park Gym saw action on Wednesdays. Each of the Centers offered free gym time from November to April except when school functions, holidays and snow emergencies came along. The half-dozen hoops at each facility were in constant use, regardless of the talent within each contest. The East Somerville center had approximately 85 participants each Monday, while Tuesdays at Powder House and Wednesdays at Lincoln Park averaged only half that number.

Rec.'s three centers gave young teens a place to let off steam on cold winter evenings in the city. However, the very anonymous nature of the program can occasionally give rise to security problems, which must be closely monitored by our Recreation personnel assigned to the Units. Leaders, who have been assigned to nearby playgrounds in recent summers or are positive role models in a particular section of the city, have traditionally achieved both participant respect and desired levels of discipline. The program has been occasionally used as a convenient whipping boy for any and all school-related vandalism, which is certainly unfair to Rec. workers and the participants alike.

PROGRAMMING FOR TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

Junior & Intermediate Athletic Leagues

Instructional Clinics in Volleyball on Monday evenings and Softball on Thursday evenings gave many non-public school teenagers their first taste of Fieldhouse playing time via the Rec. Clinics in the above activities were conducted by S.R.C. Leaders with behind-the-scenes assistance from S.H.S. Varsity Coaches and Team Captains. The Commission has made a deliberate attempt to tap into the teaching expertise of the High School's coaching staff to expand on our leaders' knowledge of these respective sports.

Summertime teen athletic action witnessed a continuation of the close working relationship with the S.H.S. Coaching staffs, as a fledgling Teen Girls' Hoop League sprang up on Monday and Wednesday nights at the Shaw playground courts. The League was an outgrowth of last Summer's Twilight Clinics at Trum and drew teams from S.H.S., Cambridge Rindge Latin, Arlington Catholic, and Pope John. An All-Star squad represented the program in the University of Lowell's shootout in late August.

Male hoop league play witnessed one of the best High School Leagues this side of Boston, as clubs from Somerville, Matignon, Medford, Revere, Peabody, Wilmington and Billerica did hoop battles every weeknight from 6:00-8:00 P.M. at Trum Field. The non-Somerville teams paid the lion's share of the program's expenses, but provided Highland fans with a Summer of hoop highlight memories. The success of any such inter-city exchange program is totally dependent on two factors: quality officiating and administrative supervision... our league had more than enough of both factors at Trum.

Roundball play for boys, ages 12-15 years, had a bit of a close shave last spring with the loss of long time sponsor, "McDonalds of Davis Square," but it eventually managed to put together a well-groomed program with financial assistance from "Alibrandis" of Teele Square. The Junior Boys' Indoor schedule runs from late-February to mid-April at the Powder House Community School Gym. Yet a second season taps off at Conway Playground from late June through mid-August. Six teams play nightly tripleheaders, followed by an All-Star game and playoffs for each program. "Alibrandis" also purchases individual sweatshirts for every member of the Twilight League's championship "Celtics" entry.

Lastly, our Girls' Summer Softball program at Lincoln Park provided an opportunity for kids perhaps not involved in our daily playground happenings, to play in the early evening. The twice a week playing clinics and controlled scrimmaged games allowed an explanation of the nuances of the sport, plus game situations.

Young Men's Fitness Centers

Open Gym programs for older teens and young adults were sponsored nightly by the Rec. during the second half of the earlier mentioned Teen Fitness Centers. Anyone looking for a solid workout for zip could take advantage of the opportunity afforded residents via these informal pick-up evenings of roundball. Many veteran gym PhD's can be spotted running the courts at all three sites within a given month from November to April.

The use of said centers permits young men, who are perhaps not part of structured league programming, the chance to play themselves into shape. Although the "you make the call" style of officiating can lead to an occasional temper flare-up or two, the contest never gets too out of hand. Hell, most participants have been squaring off with one another for upwards of 20 years in some of the best and worst in shirts & skins basketball this side of Springfield, Massachusetts.

RecXercise & Walking Club

The popular RecXercise program continues to grow to the point of turning walkers away because we are outgrowing the gym at Lincoln Park Community School on Tuesday & Thursday evenings with the gym full to capacity. The Rec's 'prescription for fitness' program begins with a warm-up, strengthening exercises, followed by 35 minutes of paced walking to music and a cool down stretch to end the session.

A Spring Fling Family Fun Walk at the MDC Basin concluded the program. More than 50 RecXercisers with their children, spouses and friends, walked the three miles around the basin in their Spring designer t-shirts with the logo "Get in Shape, participate" that they received for participating in the walk.

This Fall, the program moved to the Indoor Track at the Brune Field House on Monday & Thursday evenings and remained at Lincoln Park on Tuesday evenings. The move to the spacious fieldhouse and the addition of a night, allowed more people to participate in the ever-popular RecXercise program.

This year's freebies included a RecXercise water bottle, a RecXercise tote bag, a Thanksgiving raffle, End of the Year raffle, and a Christmas raffle. Attendance continued to grow as the members are walking their way to fitness.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Ceramics, Sewing, Cribbage & Holiday Crafts

Ceramics, one of the oldest programs offered by the Recreation Commission, is still enjoying a high degree of success. This success can be measured by class size—a maximum of 30 students per class and an ever-growing waiting list that we had hoped to eliminate this year. During each class, the student will choose the ceramic piece that he or she would like to work on. The Ceramic teacher assists the student in determining the appropriate technique to use on that piece. Some of the more popular pieces that the students worked on this year are: ducks and donkeys for the lawn; Blinkies, small holiday pieces that have eyes or a nose that blinks on and off; Art Deco items such as vases, platters, plaques, etc.; Christmas villages; masks for the wall; and the ever-popular Christmas tree, to name a few.

Sewing Classes were conducted three mornings per week in our Main Hall. Teaching assistance was offered in all basic sewing techniques from cutting out a pattern to making the completed garment. Rec. pupils of the needle and thread, learned to alter clothes and create useful household articles. Pre-entrance requirements consisted of having your own fabric, pins and patience. Course grades were awarded in cutting, hemming, and machine operation.

While immediate commercial employment couldn't be guaranteed to each graduate, the ability to mend or alter articles of clothing could be counted on to help reduce the domestic budget appropriation.

The Recreation Commission has, for the past ten years, been a sponsor of the Somerville Cribbage League. Every Friday evening, September through April, the 30 to 40 members of the league compete in the main hall at 19 Walnut Street. The members each receive tickets to their Annual Christmas party and Awards Banquet. In addition, each member is guaranteed a prize based upon their final league standings. The Somerville Recreation Commission has sponsored an Annual Spring Cribbage Tournament for better than 35 years. Recently a Fall Classic has been held in the Fall. At least 64 Cribbage players attend each tournament. The opening round robin format of play guarantees each participant eight matches and two hours of play. The quarter, semi, and final rounds featured individual competition among the night's best eight peggers. The champion in each tournament has faced eleven competitors to capture the title. The tournaments are sponsored by the Somerville Recreation Commission, the James A. Logan Post #6800, and the Somerville Cribbage League.

A new class has been added to the long list of Recreation programs. It is a Wednesday evening Crafts Class for adults. During this weekly meeting, 10 craft students tackle projects of various degrees of difficulty. Here are a few of their accomplishments: Slim the Turkey - a grape vine wreath with a turkey made out of twisted paper; English Arch - made with eucalyptus, silk flowers and ribbon; Silk Flower Sweatshirt; Christmas ornaments - made with pom poms and craft sticks; Leprechaun - made with a bleach bottle, rug yarn and felt; Stuffy bow straw hats; Bunny wreath - made with a moss wreath and twisted paper; Porcelain flowers. These are just a few of the projects that were finished during October to May.

WOMEN'S & CO-ED ATHLETIC LEAGUES

Co-Ed Volleyball League

1990 was the first year for the Co-Ed Outdoor Volleyball League, which took place during the Summer months. Back in the Summer of '89, a few of the indoor league teams participated in an invitational league of scrimmages on a few evenings to determine the possibility of an outdoor league. Soon after, the 1990 season was begun with four teams. Games were played at an area behind the backstop at Tufts at Powderhouse Rotary. Tufts made space available at their fieldhouse for storage of the volleyball poles.

The involved teams seemed to enjoy this outdoor league and all hope it continues. Game were less competitive than Indoor League play and teams were very relaxed in their play and enjoyed being outside in the fresh air as much as being active. Outdoor League teams also had to live with nature's elements, as the sun's glare and windy breezes added a new dimension to the game.

The Co-Ed Indoor League has slowly and steadily increased its team's entrants. The 1990 season saw nine teams enter the league. Teams played a 10-game schedule with two teams playing a tie-breaker at regular season's end. Games were played mid-October to mid-December at the Winter Hill Community School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 P.M. One night of games was scheduled at the S.H.S. Brune Fieldhouse.

The League was started for the average person who had played recreational volleyball at the playground or beach. The League is very recreational by design to include many levels of play. Social interaction and fun are just as important as competitive play.

Improvement has been made by many players. Initially, the male players were being whistled for more carries and pushes than the female players. This is probably related to the fact that many of the women had played high school and college volleyball or had been involved in the Women's Volleyball League. The men may have played other organized sports in school, but have improved their bumping and set-up skills and may now rely less on their physical strength.

Because the men involved in the Co-Ed League enjoy playing volleyball, many are interested in participating in a Men's Volleyball League, which is scheduled to begin in 1991 at the East Somerville Community School Gym.

The Eleventh season of the Women's Volleyball League began in January, 1990 and ended in mid-April. Games were held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Winter Hill Community School Gym. Two out of three match-ups were played at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Seven teams participated in this competitive league with four teams advancing to play-offs.

Although the women enjoy playing games at the Winter Hill Gym, they did have an opportunity to play one night on the Somerville High School Brune Fieldhouse Gym court and were impressed with the facility. Volleys were longer because the height of the ceiling did not interfere with play, but the multiple programming and use of the gym was distracting. The Winter Hill Gym has less distractions and confusion. It is also easier to control the comings and goings of teams and spectators in a facility with direct entrance and egress.

The Women's Indoor Basketball League came back strong this Fall with four teams returning from last season. The League ran from late September to mid-December, playing two games on Thursday evening at Lincoln Park Community School. This season, saw an increase in the number of skilled players with college experience making for more exciting contests and raising the competitiveness of the league. The success of the Indoor League will be carried into the Summer this year with the return of the Women's Twilight League.

The Monday morning lady bowlers continued their sixteen year tradition of striking down the Monday morning blues at the Day Street Lanes just off Davis Square. Another 'just for the fun of it' leagues, offers participants the opportunity to meet new friends while enjoying the always friendly competition of "A.M.'s" veterans. An end of the season Awards party was held upstairs at the Commission's office at 19 Walnut Street in April with trophies awarded to first place, high average, high single and high triple. Bowling favors were presented to all participants at the party and each wait 'till next year challenge was exchanged with a roar of laughter and a crisp high five.

MEN'S ATHLETIC LEAGUES

1990 was the fifty-third season of operation for the Somerville Recreation Softball Leagues. This year, 38 men's teams and 8 women's teams competed during the six month season.

The eight women's teams played a seventeen game regular season schedule commencing the first week of May. The playoffs were completed in late August. The Clubs played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Lincoln and Conway fields.

The thirty-eight men's teams were divided into five divisions. Four divisions played all of their games under the lights at Glen, Lincoln and Trum fields. The "E" Division played the majority of their games on Sunday mornings (9:30 a.m.) at Conway, Glen and Lincoln. The Police League had the use of Trum Field on Sunday mornings.

The season for the men's clubs begin in mid-April with the first of approximately 400 regular season contests. The sixty playoff games, necessary to crown champions in each division, were started in early August and completed in mid-September. Trophies were awarded to the regular season champions and playoff champions in each division.

The forty-six teams in the league pay a small entrance fee to the Somerville Recreation Commission, the Amateur Softball Association (to provide the umpires and information on rules and tournaments) and a forfeit fee to the league. Each team is required to post a lights user fee before the start of the season to the City of Somerville. All such money collected was deposited in the Electricity Account at City Hall.

Two additional items of interest: at the end of the season, the men's teams elected five individuals to serve as an Advisory Board. The Board would review, during the 1991 season, the league rules, disciplinary arrangements, finances and scheduling.

The Men's Flag Football League has traditionally been the highest spectator-attended athletic program per scheduled game sponsored by the Rec. Therefore, any fair analysis of the activity's merit must include how much enjoyment not just the combatants derive from the sport. Dilboy Field and Tufts University host the five Sunday morning clashes each week that have become almost a social happening to family and friends of the Flag faithful. The games offer a mid-weekend pause in the hectic lives of almost two hundred plus young adults. Few such leagues can boast of seventeen straight successful campaigns as can Rec's Men's Flag Football.

The League's second Annual All-Star clash preceded this year's Annual Super Bowl Sunday tilt in late-November. The League's Awards Banquet immediately follows the championship game at Deco's in Ball Square. Offensive and Defensive M.V.P. trophies are presented, which are determined by individual team balloting during the season.

The Recreation Commission wishes to thank both the Metropolitan District Commission and Tuft University for the use of their facilities each Autumn. Thanks also to the businesses and social clubs that underwrite most, if not all, of each team's operating expenses and extras ... win or lose!

Men's Twilight Basketball's 40th season got underway in May with nightly tilts at Trum, Lincoln & Conway. The six divisional alignment had a nifty fifty teams playing a ten-game regular season plus playoffs in late August. The Divisions, named Green, Orange, Scarlet, Crimson, Blue & Gray, offer a rainbow of hoop ability ranges past and present. It's a true science to competitively seed the above number of clubs, when one or two key players can mean the difference between a league championship and a 0-10 campaign.

The 56th season of Men's Indoor Roundball play started its tip off in late-October with thirty-six squads. The S.H.S. Brune Fieldhouse, Powder House and Lincoln Park Community School Gyms and Tufts University's Cousens Court were all in use through early Spring in order to complete the 180 game season plus playoffs and All-Star tilts. Rec's Winter Hoop season deletes its Summer Blue Division and one or two of the other remaining loops have six instead of eight team alignments, but our hardboard action is just as nip and tuck as our outdoor asphalt version of the game.

Men's Basketball programming has long been a featured ingredient in the Rec's cornucopia of sport highlights. Many of our team on team match-ups have taken place for over twenty-five years from the ol' "boys" club league tilts to today's over 30 league contests.

PROGRAMMING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The 34th season of the Somerville Recreation Senior Citizen's Club began in September and ended in late August with the completion of the Summer schedule. Since its inception in the mid 1950's, the Club has grown from a single group of thirty people meeting at the YMCA to a membership of 1,000 people divided among four groups, that meet weekly at the James A. Logan Post #6800, and American Legion post #19.

Membership peaked in the late 1970's - early '80's and declined in the mid to late '80's. Illness and movement out of the city contributed equally as did the establishment of more groups and organizations dealing with senior citizens were yet another factor in the decrease. Thursday's group currently has the largest membership at 220 people. The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday groups have been between 175 and 200 members.

The Monday, Tuesday and Thursday groups meet weekly, September through May, at the Gavin Hall of the James A. Logan Post. The Wednesday Group continues to meet at the American Legion Post #19. Activities include weekly meetings and Bingos, approximately 25 day trips are held each year and at least six holiday luncheon parties. Sewing and ceramics programs are provided at the Recreation Office and a friendly bowling league plays a schedule of matches October through April. Between six and eight overnight trips are scheduled to far away places with not so strange sounding names.

The Club's Anniversary is celebrated with a Dinner Party in late May, the affair this year, was held at Lombardo's in East Boston. Nearly 400 members journeyed by school bus to the party.

The Club's sources of revenue continue to be a small yearly registration fee and the Annual Penny Sale drawing. Money raised from the registration fee is used to cover the cost of mailing the Quarterly Newsletter to each member plus additional supplies and paper goods such as cups, paper stamps, tickets, bingo cards and chips. The money raised through the Penny Sale is used to help limit the cost of bus transportation for the Anniversary Party and eight Summer trips.

Although attendance at the weekly meetings is down, the attendance figures for parties (200+) and day trips (2-3 buses) (100-130 people) & overnight trips (50 people) remain strong. For the first time in five years, there was an increase in club membership as more than 100 people joined the club as new members in 1990.

DAY TRIPS - MYSTERY RIDES - PARTIES

MARCH	St. Patrick's Party - Logan Post (150)
APRIL	Easter Party - Logan Post (200) Penny Sale Drawing - Logan Post (120) Hilltop Steakhouse - 2 trips (2 buses) (75)
MAY	Nocera's Italian Rest., - Stoughton (1 bus) (40) Greenhouse Rest., - Hampton Falls, N.H. (3 buses) (110) Shopping trip - Fall River/New Bedford - Davy's Locker Restaurant, (1 bus) (40) Bowling Banquet - Bobby Hackett's Rest., - Pembroke (1 bus) (40) Anniversary Party - Lombardo's, E. Boston (10 buses) (330) Barker Tavern - Scituate (2 buses) (100)
JUNE	Daniel Webster Inn - Sandwich (2 buses) (100)
JULY	Wychmere Yacht Club, Harwichport (2 buses) (80) Yokem's Rest., Hampton, N.H. (2 buses) (80) Pond View Restaurant, Kingston, N.H. (2 buses) (100) - (Evening Mystery Ride)
AUGUST	Rockport - King's Grant Inn - Clambake (3 buses) (120) Plymouth Harbor - Bert's Restaurant (2 buses) (100) Nubble Light Restaurant, York, Maine (2 buses) (100)
SEPTEMBER	Registration - veteran members - Logan Post & Post #19 (650)
SEPTEMBER	Registration - veteran members - Logan Post & Post #19 (100) Foliage Trip - Old Miss - Epsom, N.H. (2 buses) (100) Halloween Party - Logan Post (200) Towne Lyne Restaurant - Lynnfield (2 buses) (100) Legal Seafood - Burlington (10)
NOVEMBER	Shopping Trip - Kittery, Maine & Hampton, N.H. (1 bus) (50)

Thanksgiving Party - Logan Post (235)

DECEMBER Christmas Lights - Benjamin's Restaurant - Attleboro (1 bus) (50)
Christmas Parties - Logan Post & Post #19 (325)

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

MAR. 23-24 St. Patrick's Party at the Beacon Motel, N.H. (50)
MAY 29-31 Taj Mahal - Atlantic City (50)
JUNE 25-27 Cape Cod & Island Hopping (25)
JULY 26-29 Bar Harbor, Maine (50)
OCT. 15-19 Villa Roma - Catskills, New York (50)
DEC. 17-18 Christmas Party at the Beacon Motel, N.H. (50)
DEC. 30-JAN. 1 New Year's Eve Party - Beacon Motel (25)

SUPPLEMENTARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION

JANUARY The handsomely-crafted, blue on blue calendars were issued once again and delivered to various municipal departments and businesses throughout the city. The calendars are a practical guide serving two purposes; they give a concise visual image of the year's day and dates, and on the reverse side give an informative listing of Recreation programs. As has become a welcomed custom, the good folks at Ames Envelope Company donate the hardware while the Somerville High School Graphic Arts Department tacks on their special technical and artistic skills.

FEBRUARY Every year they form teams that create an Olympic Village feeling toe the Powder House gym, as the Annual Gym Hockey Tournament delivers on goals and good fun for all participants. The February School Vacation week is a great time for area youngsters to sharpen their game for a chance to win the gold in this fanfare of hockey hysteria.

MARCH Roundball reverberates around the city as hoop playoff madness rules supreme in each of the five divisional races in the Men's Indoor Basketball League. A fitting conclusion to the month-long 'March' segues into the All-Star games with an annual visit from the Harvard Classics vs. Green Division All-Stars capping off the festivities.

APRIL It's one of the few tournaments of its kind, but it is one that is eagerly- awaited each year as the pilgrimage to Logan Post in Teele Square takes on an almost religious experience. Besides prayers, good luck and some well-dealt hands are essential if good fortune is to reign on the new champion at the 39th Annual Cribbage Tournament.

A trip to the Children's Museum was arranged so that youngsters and adults could enjoy time together during the Spring school vacation week. This year's show, entitled 'Grandma Goes West' was well-received by all who attended.

A Youth Volleyball Clinic was conducted during the April School

vacation week, co-sponsored by the United States Volleyball Association. Special skills were demonstrated as well as instruction on how a 3 on 3 tournament is played.

MAY The 2.7 Mile Road Race arrives on time each year to signify that warm weather is finally on its way, joined by area runners of all descriptions, who hope that the weather is just right for all their weeks of preparation. Regardless of each person's finishing time, all participants enjoy the comradery of their rivals as friendships and relationships bud again in this annual rite of Spring.

JUNE The Senior Citizens Club celebrated their 33rd Anniversary Party at Lombardo's in East Boston with several hundred members enjoying the festivities. A full course meal was accompanied by a lively orchestra playing favorite tunes by new and old to a full dance floor cabaret.

The Recreation Commission's Summer staff consisted of veteran workers, as budget cuts curtailed any new hires. Among other things, the Rec. Leader is a role model, guidance counselor, medic, arbitrator, referee, parental substitutes, judge, organizer, creative genius, etc., etc., etc.

JULY/AUGUST The Summer Playground season (mentioned at length at the beginning of this report) refers to other special events and activities.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

The Recreation Commission's a 'Day at the Circus', a star-studded performance by the renowned Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus. High-wire acts, acrobatics, clowns and other surprises highlighted a memorable day for all.

The Rec. Building at 19 Walnut Street had its few minutes of fame, as the "Against the Law" TV show of Fox Channel 25 fame filmed for two days in our venerable Main Hall. The episode, entitled "Mother Nature's Army" aired December 7th on Channel 25.

A special Halloween Party was prepared for youngsters, 3-6 years of age, with games such as ghost bowling, fishing for pumpkins, skeleton drop and a Halloween windsock arts & crafts project. The most popular costumes were Ninja Turtles and the Little Mermaid. Candy and prizes were given out and a surprise visit from Mickey Mouse brought a lot of smiles from children of all ages.

NOVEMBER The Twelve Annual Fall Family Fun Run was conducted at the Boathouse at the Mystic River Basin. This nontimed race is devised to encourage more people to join in the fun of the run without time pressure to run for the tape. Post race raffles included colorful stocking hats and fourth edition Fun Run Sweatshirts.

DECEMBER A citywide basketball clinic was conducted during the Christmas holidays at the "House" to help youngsters understand the basics of the game. S.H.S. Coach Rich Melillo and his Highlanders were the featured speakers.

**PROGRAMMING CURRENTLY SPONSORED BY THE
SOMERVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AGES</u>	<u>UNITS</u>
Summer Playgrounds	7-14	21
Kid Stop Program	3-6	2
Special Needs Programming	6-22	1
After-School Arts & Crafts	7-11	2
Girls' Gymnastics	8-11	1
Mr. Pee Wee Tennis	6-8	1
Beginner Piano Lessons	9-12	1
Somerville Youth Basketball	8-16	1
Baseball Clinic	8-18	1
Teen Fitness Centers	12-15	3
Girls' Twilight Junior Softball	12-16	1
Boys' Indoor Junior Basketball	12-15	6 Teams
Boys' Twilight Junior Basketball	12-15	6 Teams
Boys' Intermediate Twilight Basketball	15-18	7 Teams
Girls' Intermediate Twilight Basketball	15-18	4 Teams
Young Men's Fitness Centers	16 & Over	3
Recreational Fitness Class	18 & Over	2
Strollers & Strutters Walking Club	18 & Over	1
Ceramics Classes	18 & Over	5
Sewing Classes	18 & Over	3
Cribbage League	18 & Over	1
Holiday Crafts Class	18 & Over	1
Co-Ed Volleyball League	18 & Over	7 Teams
Co-Ed Twilight Volleyball League	18 & Over	4 Teams
Women's Volleyball League	18 & Over	7 Teams
Women's Indoor Basketball League	18 & Over	4 Teams
Women's Daytime Bowling League	18 & Over	8 Teams
Women's Slow Pitch Softball League	18 & Over	12 Teams
Men's Slow Pitch Softball League	18 & Over	48 Teams
Men's Flag Football League	18 & Over	10 Teams
Men's Twilight Basketball League	18 & Over	50 Teams
Men's Indoor Basketball League	18 & Over	36 Teams
Senior Citizens' Club	62 & Over	4
Senior Citizens' Bowling	62 & Over	1
Senior Citizens' Ceramics	62 & Over	1
Supplementary Events & Activities	7 & Over	varied

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, RECREATION COMMISSION

FISCAL YEAR 1991

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991) — \$437,467.00

EXPENDITURES (Fiscal Year 1991): —

Salaries and Wages	\$406,107.00
Repairs - Vehicles	600.00
Repairs - Office Equipment	300.00
Rentals - Vehicles	3,500.00
Rentals - Office Equipment	600.00
Professional & Technical Services	4,800.00
Postage	880.00
Recreation - Transportation	3,200.00
Photography	600.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00
Printing & Stationary	700.00
Hardware & Small Tools	850.00
Paint	500.00
Tools	225.00
Tires & Tubes	280.00
Food Supplies & Refreshments	1,000.00
Medical/Dental Supplies	325.00
Athletic Supplies	5,000.00
Recreation Supplies	3,300.00
Lumber & Wood Products	600.00
Flowers & Flags	100.00
Badges, Emblems & Trophies	500.00
Uniforms	1,000.00
Dues & Memberships	400.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	437,467.00
	—\$437,467.00

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Commission has been extremely fortunate in obtaining cooperation and assistance from a great many sources. Our appreciation for their concern and aid is sincerely expressed to: —

HONORABLE MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT & VARIOUS OTHER MUNICIPAL DEPTS., PARTICULARLY BUILDINGS & GROUNDS OF D.P.W. & O.P.C.D.'S PARKS PROGRAM - For working together with the Commission to insure the best possible delivery system for Parks & Recreation facilities and programs.

POLICE DEPT. AND ITS AUXILIARY

SOMERVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

For the donations of Sportsmanship Sweatshirt Awards for Summer Playground participants, printing of programs and the M.V.P. trophies for the Inter-Playground Track Meet, sponsorship of the Fall Family Fun Run and assistance to our Special Needs Program.

CATALDO AMBULANCE SERVICE

For First Aid services to our Athletic programs.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION PARKS & RECREATION DIV.

For permit use of Foss and Dilboy Fields throughout the year.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #19

For the use of its Hall for our Wednesday Senior Citizens' Club.

JAMES A. LOGAN POST, V.F.W.

For the use of its Hall for our Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday Senior Citizens' Club.

ALIBRANDIS BARBER SHOP

For sponsorship of Boys' Junior Basketball programming.

THE AMES SAFETY ENVELOPE CO.

For product donations used in our public relations materials.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY

For the use each Fall Sunday A.M. of its College Avenue Field for our Men's Flag Football League, the use of its Cousens' Gym and Indoor Cage for our Men's Basketball League and Youth Baseball Clinic and the Powderhouse Circle field for Co-Ed Twilight Volleyball.

"SOMERVILLE JOURNAL"

"SOMERVILLE NEWS"

For outstanding coverage of weekly activities and special events sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA ORDER OF MEDFORD, #1359 MASS.

For contributions to our Special Needs Summer Program and support of Special Needs projects in both Somerville and Medford.

A note of thanks is expressed, as always, to the many local businessmen, Senior Citizen Club members, their families and friends who contributed generously to our Annual Penny Sale.

A special thanks to the Somerville Chamber of Commerce who endorsed this fund-raising project which helps defray the cost of the Annual Anniversary Party each June for individual members.

**ANNUAL REPORT
SOMERVILLE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
DECEMBER 31, 1990**

Somerville Retirement Board
City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Avenue
Somerville, Massachusetts 02145

ANNUAL REPORT, SOMERVILLE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
December 31, 1990

TRIAL BALANCE

ASSETS

Investments	\$31,530,478.25
Cash/CDs/Savings/Checking	\$ 8,778,244.23
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 7,576,216.52</u>
(appropriation due FY 91)	
	\$ 47,884,939.00

LIABILITIES

Annuity Savings Fund	\$19,239,877.94
Annuity Reserve Fund	\$ 8,696,180.35
Military Service Fund	\$5,481.74
Pension Reserve Fund	\$10,701,522.83
Expense Fund	\$116,648.14
Pension Fund	<u>\$10,125,228.00</u>
(includes appropriation due)
	\$47,884,939.00

PENSIONS/RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE PAID 1990

	MEMBERS	SURVIVOR/BENEFICIARY
Contributory Retirement	\$7,060,577.13	\$1,555,648.86
Non Contributory Retirement	\$ 945,835.75	\$ 82,331.89
Total	\$8,006,412.88	\$1,637,980.75

**OFFICE OF
VETERANS SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT
1990**

CITY OF SOMERVILLE
MASSACHUSETTS

Office of
VETERANS SERVICES

To the Honorable, Mayor and Members
of the Board of Aldermen
City of Somerville, MA

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Annual Report of the Veteran's Services Department for FY-July 1989, through June 30, 1990, is herewith respectfully submitted. Appended thereto, is a financial recap of expenditures granted in accordance with Mass. Regulations governing the disbursement of Veteran's Benefits, as mandated by Chapter 115, M.G.L.

Said Chapter 115, requires each city or town to appropriate sufficient funds to insure that qualified needy veterans and/or their dependents will be able to meet their basic financial responsibilities when ill or unemployed through no fault of their own. The major portion of such benefits are granted for the purpose of providing food, rental and fuel supplements, plus assistance to meet unexpected hospital, doctor and miscellaneous medical charges.

With a modest appropriation of \$95,200.00 we were able to add an additional \$6,948.03, as direct reimbursements recouped from the proceeds of applicant's pending liability or workmen's compensation claims through the process of legal assignments initiated by this department.

Therefore, a total of \$102,148.03 in Veterans Benefits was expended. Seventy-five per cent of that amount, or \$76,611.00 will be reimbursed to the City by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, thus a net cost of \$25,537.03 to the City for benefits as granted.

In addition to providing financial assistance to needy veterans and their dependents, a well trained and informed staff of department personnel provides information and counseling services to insure that all interested veteran or dependent applicants receive the maximum benefit or entitlements they may be otherwise qualified or entitled to receive from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A), or other existing agencies of the state or federal government. These specialized services are referred to as Veterans' Services, a separate category as opposed to Veteran's Benefits.

At the present there are slightly more than 8,000 living veterans in Somerville, not including an equal number of widows and dependents. The Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs (V.A.), currently expends in excess of six million dollars annually in behalf of these residents of our city. Of that amount, an attached recap credits \$258,267.00 in VA payments were made to Somerville applicants through VA claims developed and submitted through this department during the 89/90 fiscal year.

Once again, Mr. Mayor, my staff and I extend our appreciation to you and the Honorable Members of the Board of Aldermen, for your continued interest and assistance on behalf of our veterans and their dependents. Your combined efforts to provide for their needs, demonstrates your continued commitment to acknowledge their past service and sacrifice to our community.

Very truly yours,

Leo W. Curtin, Director
Veterans' Service Department

RECAPITULATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS PAID 1989-90

	TOTAL AMT. CASH ASSIST. PAID TO RECIPIENTS	TOTAL AMT. MEDICAL ASSIST. PAID TO VENDORS	TOTAL AMT. MISCELLANEOUS BENEFIT ASSIST. PAID TO VENDORS	BALANCE PAID ON INDIGENT BURIAL CHARGES	TOTAL AMT. VETERANS' BENEFITS GRANTED	TOTAL AMT. VETERANS' BENEFITS TO BE REIMBURSED BY STATE	TOTAL COST VETERANS' BENEFITS BORNE BY SOMERVILLE
JULY	7136.54	640.51	NONE	NONE	7777.05	5832.78	1944.27
AUGUST	4954.13	3532.79	79.60	NONE	8566.52	6424.89	2141.63
SEPTEMBER	5820.13	535.74	79.60	NONE	6435.47	4826.60	1608.87
OCTOBER	6954.15	3823.48	258.41	NONE	11,036.04	8277.03	2759.01
NOVEMBER	6870.46	1660.44	109.17	NONE	8640.07	6480.07	2160.00
DECEMBER	8647.03	3349.40	40.00	NONE	12,036.43	9027.32	3009.11
JANUARY	7370.09	1104.69	50.00	914.00	9438.78	7079.08	2359.70
FEBRUARY	5759.77	780.15	NONE	NONE	6539.92	4904.93	1634.99
MARCH	8190.70	1442.28	24.26	NONE	9657.24	7242.92	2414.32
APRIL	6290.16	1214.00	18.92	NONE	7523.08	5642.30	1880.78
MAY	5470.86	1126.81	50.00	1100.00	7747.67	5810.76	1936.91
JUNE	5300.73	1374.03	75.00	NONE	6749.76	5062.32	1687.44
TOTAL	78,764.75	20,584.32	784.96	2014.00	102,148.03	76,611.00	25,537.03

The following figures represent a breakdown of, and dollar amounts for, claims processed for the City of Somerville for the Fiscal Year 1989/1990:

BENEFIT	NUMBER	ANNUAL	RETRO
COMPENSATION	3	\$11,971.00	\$ 00.00
DIC	3	2,354.00	1,710.00
VETERAN'S PENSION	24	107,402.00	51,067.00
WIDOW'S PENSION	22	60,349.00	18,679.00
DEP. PAR/CHILD	1	651.00	00.00
BURIALS	10	4,084.00	
TOTAL CLAIMS	63		
TOTAL ANNUAL		\$182,727.00	
TOTAL RETRO		71,456.00	
BURIAL		4,084.00	
GRAND TOTAL		\$258,267.00	

